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20th ,,	PERSIA	7951	....	......
27th ,,	PENINSULAR..	5294	HIMALAYA ..	6898
3rd Feb.	EGYPT..........	7912	....	......
10th ,,	ORIENTAL	5284	INDIA............	7911
17th ,,	CHINA............	7912	....	......
24th ,,	PENINSULAR..	5294	BRITANNIA ...	6525
3rd Mar.	ARABIA..........	7903	......	......
10th ,,	ORIENTAL	5284	MOLDAVIA	10060
17th ,,	MACEDONIA..	10512	......	
24th ,,	PENINSULAR..	5294	MONGOLIA......	10000
31st ,,	PERSIA..........	7951	......	......
7th Apl.	ORIENTAL	5284	MOOLTAN..........	10000
14th ,,	EGYPT	7912	......	..
21st ,,	PENINSULAR...	5294	MARMORA ...	10509
28th ,,	CALEDONIA ..	7558	....	......
5th May	ORIENTAL	6284	VICTORIA	6522
12th ,,	ARABIA..........	7903	....	......
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C. T. DALAL, C.E.,
Chief Engineer, Baroda State.
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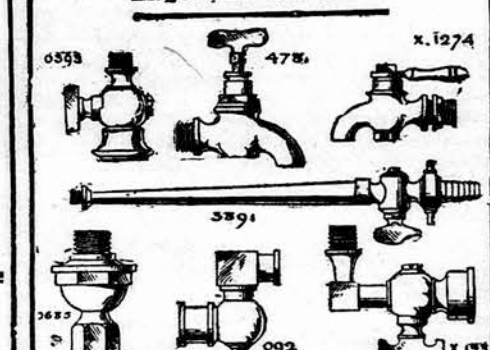
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SECURITIES—		
2 1-2 per cent. Consols	89 3-8	= + 3-16
3 do. Rentes	99	= unchanged
3 1-2 do. Indian Sterling Loan	105	= + 1-4
3 1-2 per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	65 13-16	= unchanged
SILVER—		
Spot in London	30 1-16	= + 1-16
2 months hence	29 7-16	= + 1-16
Spot in New York	64 5-8	= unchanged
EXCHANGES—		
Paris cheques	25·8	= + 1 1-2
Berlin	20·42	= + 1 1-4
New York Demand	4·35 1-2	= + 1-4
DISCOUNTS—		
Bank of England	4 per cent	=
3 months sight Bank Bills	3 3-4 per cent	= —1-4
6 „ „ „	3 1-2 per cent	= —1-8
3 „ „ Fine Trade Bills	4 1-8 per cent	= —1-4
6 months sight Fine Trade Bills	4 3-8 per cent	= unchanged
INTEREST—		
Day to day loans	3 per cent	= —1 1-2
7 day market loans	3 3-8 per cent	= —7-8

Extra Council Bills allotments Bills on Madras Rs. 1,70,000 at 1-4 3-32.
Specie Shipments.
Silver to Calcutta £200,000
Gold do. £10,030

BOMBAY, JAN. 1.

Weeks arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay.

Cotton	19,869 bales.
Wheat	7,473 cwts.
Linseed	1,933 „
Rape, Rai, and Mustard	1,074 „
Gingellyseed	10,550 „
Poppyseed	44 „
Groundnuts	724 „
Castorseed	23,743 „
Rice	5,797 „
Myrabollams	6,142 „
Cottonseed	25,130 „
Mowraseed	1,261 „
Gram	2,404 „
Joowar	8 „
Maize	Nil „

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay for the 24 hours, ending at 6 p.m. on Sunday, 31st Dec, 1905 :—

Cotton	18,146 bales.
Wheat	10,467 cwts.
Linseed	3,603 do
Rape, Rai and Mustard	1327 do
Gingellyseed	35,667 do
Poppyseed	1,412 do
Groundnut	782 do
Castorseed	3,526 do
Rice	2,616 do
Myrabollams	9,09 do
Cottonseed	27,665 do
Mowraseed	454 do
Gram	1,130 do
Joowar	15
Maize	nil do

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THE B I S N. Co's steamer Linga, 947 tons, Captain R J Rickford, sailed on the 1st instant for Karachi via Cutch Mandvi, with a general cargo and passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Kola, 510 tons, Captain F Chappell, sailed yesterday for Karachi via Kathiawar Coast Ports, with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Madura, 1273 tons, Captain J McLean, arrived in harbour on the 1st instant from the Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo, 37 cases opium, and Mr. Mackintyre and 44 deck passengers.

THE Steamer Forest Dale, 2285 tons, Captain H. Y. NOOLE, arrived in harbour on Monday from Cardiff 1st December, with a cargo of coal.

The Hall Line Steamer Trentham, Hall, 2238 tons, Captain I. F. Clement arrived in harbour on Monday from Liverpool via Karachi in ballast.

The B I S N, Co's steamer Lama, 940 tons, Captain M. G. Williams, arrived here on the 1st instant from Karachi, via Cutch Mandvi, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Hon. Mrs. Owen Dunn, Mr. I. C. Bayly, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Laythorpe, Mr. Gomes, Mr. H. Nanabhoy, Dr. and Mrs. Settna, Raja Narendrarao Khan Bahadoor, and 502 deck.

THE steamer Kybfels, 3179 tons, Capt B Von Thubu, saild on the 1st inst for Karachi, with the same bottom Cargo.

THE B I S N Cos steamer Rahmani 1872 tons, Capt J H Sheriffs, will sail to-day for Jedah, with a general Cargo and 829 pilgrims.

THE Bt. P S N Co's steamer Magidi, 1857 tons, Capt W H Coates, saild yesterday for Jedah, with a general Cargo and 801 pilgrims.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Shiralla, 3339 tons Capt R H Brown, arrived in harbour yesterday from Mauritius with a Cargo of sugar and Mr. Roburson and 28 deck passengers.

ARRIVALS.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
2	Madura s.	McLean	Busreh, Dec 22
	Lama s.	Williams	Karachi, Dec 30
	Trentham Hall s.	Clement	Liverpool v Karachi
	Forest Dale s.	Moale	Cardiff, Dec 1
	Shirala s.	Brown	Mauritius Dec 18

DEPARTURES.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander	Destination.
1	Linga s	Rickford	Karachi, &c.
	Bulimba s	Bamber	Persian Gulf, &c.
	Kola s	Chappell	Karachi, &c.
	Majidi s	Cates s	Jedah.
	Kybfels s	Thulen	Karachi.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The B I S N Co steamer Uganda left Suez on the evening of 31st December 1905

The Anchor Line steamer Olympia arrived Liverpool from Bombay on the evening of the 31st December 1905

The P and O steamer Arabia arrived Suez from Bombay on the morning of the 31st December 1905

The steamer Clan Alpine arrived Suez from Colombo Madras and Calcutta on the morning of the 1st January 1906

The steamer Clan Leslie arrived Suez from Colombo, Madras and Calcutta on the evening of the 30th December 1905

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer Nippon from Japan left Hongkong for Bombay on the 1st instant

The homeward bound Messageries Maritimes Co., steamer Yarra from Bombay arrived at Aden on Tuesday the 2nd instant, at 10 a.m.

The steamer Rahaman Sheriffs for Jedah, obtained her port clearance yesterday:—

The following vessels began to load yesterday:—
Steamer Trentham Hall for Antwerp, &c.
Steamer Troutpool for Sharpness,

DAILY EXPORTS.—JAN. 2.

FOR HULL.
Morocco s—6,000 cwt cottonseed Volkart Bros
Sir John Jackson s—632 cwt cottonseed Ralli Bros.

FOR GENOA.
Claverley s—150 bales cotton Ramji and Co 210 bales cotton Ralli Bros 2000 cwt linseed John Fachiri 2090 cwt linseed ann 2000 cwt gingellyseed Killick Nixon and& and Co

FOR TRIESTE.
Mari Valerie s—220 bales cotton Gaddum and Co.

FOR VENICE.
Maria Valerie s—100 bales cotton Gaddum and Co.

FOR FIUME.
Maria Valerie s—20,089 cwt linseed Ralli Bros,

FOR SHARPNESS.
Trantpoal s 118,839 cwt cottonseed Ralli Bros,

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Three Torpedo Boats .... Royal Navy
Juba .... 181 Wilson .... B E A Protectorate
R I M S Mayo ...... Brownlow .... R I M

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR—Jan. 2.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
Eden (bque)	414	Rutagiri			The Captain
Kasara	505	Browning			M M & Co
Tientsin	3590	Andrews	Stream	28-10	P & O Co
Pundit	3852	Crebbin	K'chi N F		T M & Co
Caledonia	3522	Toeque	London		P & O Co
Mangon	3980	Hall			P & O Co
Wardha	2563	Wilson			M M & Co
Alberto Treves	2599	Crocco			S C Italiena
Dagrun	620	Lunden			F F C & Co
Coutfield	2814	Martau			I M & Co
Plassy Dowell Spin			Transport		
Kasara	505		P Gulf		M M & Co
Linga	947	Rickford			M M & Co
Oriental	3025	Lewellin			P & O Co
Lawrie Qroutpool	2110		Sharpness	10-1	Balli Bros
Shirala	3339	Brown			M M & Co
Rein	726	Mathisen			F F C & Co
Lawada	2124	Lemanchaled			M M & Co
Berne	1899	Grey Shaw			Wallace & Co
Aggoia	800	Cameron			F M & Co
Madura	1273	McLean			M M & Co
Trentheu Hall	2235	Clement			K N & Co
Forest Dale	2285	Noale	Rand		& Co

VESSELS IN DOCK.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
A	Clan Shaw	2502	Simpson	Chittagong	5-1	F M & Co
B	Morocco	2406	Boxhall	K'chi	5-1	F Muir & Co
C&R	Claverley	1901	McPherson	Genva	3-1	M M & Co
F	Oronsay	7415	Markey	Antwerp	6-1	Mackay
G	Afgham	1139	Dester		13-1	Mauritius H Cassum
K	St Bride	H2514	Migel	Liverpool	6-1	A Lloyd's Co
M	Bengal	2751	Cooke	Jeddah	5-1	P Tajbhoy
N	Sir John Jackson	2765	Horkness	Port Said		Hull 5-1 Ralli Bros
O	Sultan	4871	Burmust0s	Zanzibar	16-1-05	A Strandas
H	Rahmuni	1872	Sheriff	Jedah	2-1	B & P S N Co

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Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
Ilderton	2015	Crooks	Garston	4-1-6 36-12	R A Willis

P. D. H. W.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
Indramate	513		Nhd	Manglore 2-1	Shpd & Co
Mahanadi	547	Hoosein	K'chi	2-1	Shephd & Co
Ponani	552	Mohamed	B Negar	2-1	Shephd & Co
Bahaduri	829	Sakheera	Karachi	6-1	Shepherd & Co
Puri	643	Fakeera	Mangalore	5-1	Shepherd & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
3	Stephanotis	2584	Howse	Liverpool	6-1	W & A G & Co
4	Maria V.	2614	Bratolo	Trieste	6-1	A L S N & Co
8	Angola	2800	Cameron	Hamburg	13-0	F Muir & Co
16	Patiala	226	Willisher	Zanzibar	3-1	M M & Co
6	Satara	2635	Ford	L'pool	13-1	Morrison & Co
9	Simla	3893	Goldsmith	C'suttaw	23-1	P & O Co
15	Sirdhana	2074	Manico	N F		M M & Co

V D H W.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
Lama	948	Williams	Karachi	5-1	M M & Co

THE story of the raid of a few nights ago on the house of the railway contractor Wali Khan, in the village of Baramanai just outside Peshawur has not been without its tragic sequel. The gang of raiders who on their last appearance received such rough handling, have not been deterred from their blood-thirsty designs by the death of their leader. In a letter to the contractor they vowed to be avenged, and on the night of the 26th they successfully carried out the first act in the vendetta by assassinating the man in charge of the level crossing near the Railway Station. The level crossing keeper apparently became aware of the presence of the Afridis only when the latter were close upon him, He challenged, and in reply was shot dead. A few more details of interest concerning the first attack on Wali Khan have lately come to hand. It appears that the leader of the gang Jafar Khan, a bold fellow with an evil reputation, actually entered the dwelling of the contractor and fired at him. The latter, in order to save himself fell to the ground and the Afridi, believing him to be dead, began to mount the ladder leading to the upper region of the house. While he was thus engaged the contractor jumped up and shot him. It has since been ascertained that of the three other marauders wounded two have since died from their injuries, and the remainder of the gang have pledged themselves to avenge the deaths of their comrades. It will be interesting to see how the matter will end but it cannot be denied that this first step on the part of these border aggressors has been both swift and effective.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS and MEMORIAM Notice (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. 2 for six lines or less and 8 as. for every additional lines. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

MARRIAGE.

CASSIDY-MCPHERSON—On the 26th December, at St Matthias', Vepery, by the Rev. C. Rintoul, Clarence Herbert Cassidy, Postal Department, to Agnes Henrietta, eldest daughter of Mr. M. J. McPherson.

DEATH.

KINLOCH—On the 15th December, at Belaspore, District Bulandshahr, Walter Augustus, son of the late C. W. Kinloch, aged 40 years.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 34m. Sun sets, 5h. 35m. High water, 4-39m, 6-10a. Low water, 11-45m., 11-15a.
Novelty Theatre, the Bandmann Opera Company, at 9·15 (S. T.).

MEHER CHARITABLE DISPENSARY.—The total number of patients treated during the month of December was 4 722 the daily average being 153. New Admissions were 988, Parsees 557, Hindoos 2,510, Mohomedans, 1,288, Christians 417. 46 children were vaccinated last month.

REPORTED BURGLARY.—Gujardarlal Maikulal, a Hindu, reports to the police that some person or persons broke into his house in Parel Road some time during Monday night and stole gold and silver ornaments of the collective value of Rs. 1,147 from several boxes.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO AN AUSTRALIAN.—Charles William Clerke, an Australian, aged 25, was at 2 a. m. leaning over a window on the second storey of the old Ice House adjoining the Great Western Hotel, when he was attacked with an epileptic fit and fell over the window on to the road from a height of about thirty feet; sustaining somewhat serious injuries to his throat and back. He was picked up unconscious and conveyed to the St. George's Hospital, where he recovered consciousness about an hour after admission and is reported to be progressing favourably.

RUNAWAY HORSES.—While a prisoners' van was on Monday evening being driven along Parel Road the horses got restive and bolted in the direction of the J. J. Hospital. In the course of the wild career the driver, named Bhagoo Luxmon, aged 45, was thrown off the box and sustained serious injuries, one of the wheels of the van having passed over his body. Near the J. J. Hospital the horses ran into a cart laden with cotton, when one of the bales fell on the driver of the cart. The horses were subsequently stopped by a police sowar and others, but not before a woman, named Jaibai, aged 30, was also injured.

MUSIC AT THE PYRKE'S APOLLO HOTEL.—The Victoria String Band will play the following programme of music at the Pyrke's Apollo Restaurant, from 6-30 till 9-30 p.m. to-day:—

March	Kaisarreise	J Ivanovice.
Overture	Esmeralda	Herman,
Valse	The Cheristers	B Phelps.
Selection	The Cherry Girl	Ivan Caryll
Polka March	Come, Come, Caroline	Kiefert.
chotiche	Hello! Ma, Baby	T H Gaggs.
Valse	Ma Belle Adore	Dudley Roy.
Cake Walk	Creole Belle	J B Lampe

BAND AT THE BOMBAY GYMKHANA.—By kind permission of Lieutenant-Colonel S. J. Sarjant V. D, and Officers of 1st Battalion G. I. P. Ry. Vol. Band will play the following programme of music under the direction of Mr. A. Mallandeine Bandmaster commencing at 5 p.m, to-day:—

March	Warren Point	Collins.
Overture	Poet and Peasant	Suppe.
Selection	The Earl and the Girl	Caryll.
Intermezzo	Anona	Gray.
Selection	Harry Dacres Songs	Ad'am.
American Sketch	By the Swanee River	Myddleton.

AN IRANI'S SAD END.—Mr. P. Byrne, the Coroner, held an inquest yesterday at the Morgue touching the death of Ardeshir Mull, an Irani, aged 55. Deceased came to Bombay from Ahmednager only a week ago in order to celebrate the marriage of his daughter, for which ceremony he is said to have incurred debt to the extent of Rs. 2,000 Only recently he had sustained serious losses in his agricultural pursuits owing to the want of rain. All these circumstances and the inability of the man to settle his debts are said to have made him despondent. He left his house on Monday saying he was going to see a friedd, and was not heard of till yesterday morning when his body was found floating in a well in Parel Tank Road. A verdict of suicide was recorded.

THE MAZAGON INSTITUTE.—Saturday last was a memorable day for the Mazgonites and their friends the occasion being a Grand Variety Entertainment followed by a dance. The programme of the day was very successfully carried through, the most enjoyable performance of the evening being the Pantomime Show. Credit is entirely due to the two well known actors of the Portuguese community, who besides playing an important part in the day's functions, entertained the guests with excellent comic songs. The dance which followed shortly after at 9.30 p.m. was another successful feature. It was ably conducted by Dr. J. S P. Rodrigues, who at the request of the Committee undertook the management of the Hall.

POSTAL NOTICE.—With the new year the following changes have been introduced in connection with the issue of inland telegraphic money orders; —(a) For sums not exceeding Rs. 25.—For the first Rs. 10, Rs. 1-2 (Urgent); Annas 10 (Deferred). For the balance, if it does not exceed Rs. 5, Anna 1; if it exceed Rs. 5, Annas 2, (b) For the first Rs. 25, Rs. 1-4, (Urgent), Annas 12, (Deferred). For each complete sum of Rs. 25, additional, Annas 4, for sums less than Rs. 25, additional:—if the sum does not exceed Rs. 5, Anna 1 and 1 anna more for every additional Rs. 5 (c) For sums exceeding Rs. 150 up to Rs. 600 For the first Rs. 150, Rs. 2-8, (Urgent), Rs. 2 (Deferred). For each complete sums of Rs. 50 additional, Annas 8; for sums less than Rs. 50 additional:—If the sum is Rs. 10, Annas 2, and Annas 2 more forevery additional Rs. 10.—Mails for Ceylon, Singapore, China, Japan and Australia per s. s. "Australien," will be closed at the General Post Office at 4 p.m. Standard time on the 6th Instant. Parcel mails for French-China Netherlands India and Japan close at 8 a.m. on the 4th Instant standard time.

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL.

NEW FLAGSHIP OF THE EAST INDIES SQUADRON.

H. M. S. HERMES DUE IN BOMBAY IN FEBRUARY.

LONDON, DEC. 16.

THE Hermes, cruiser, is to complete to full compliment at Portsmouth on January 9, as flagship of the East Indies Squadron. She will be succeeded at Cowes by the Eclipse, cruiser, formerly flagship in the East Indies, on the completion of the latter vessel's special service at Bermuda.

The following appointment was made on Dec. 6th at the Admiralty:—

Captain P. Vaughan Lewes, D.S.O., to the 'Hermes,' to date Dec. 20, and to the "Hyacinth," undated.

Captain Lewes is thus referred to in "Who's Who": Lewes, Commander Price Vaughan, D.S.O., 1893; born 1865. Entered R.N. 1878; Commander 1898; served Juba River, 1893; (D.S.O., gen. African Medal, clasp); Candia, 1898 (promoted to Commander). Club: United Service, He is at present among the officers at Devonport borne as additional for various services—his service being For Study and dating from Nov. 29th. He attained the rank of Captain on June 30th last year.

H. M. S. Hyacinth has served on this station for over three years and is shortly to be withdrawn. H. M. S. Hermes arrives in Bombay in February next, where the change will be effected. Captain P. Vaughan Lewes, D. S. O., brings her out and takes the Hyacinth to England.

With the change of flagships, a number of officers will also be promoted and will go home by her, among them being Commander Drury Lowe, so well-known here.

THE STATE OF RUSSIA.

THE TSAR AND THE REACTIONARIES.

MANIFESTO TO BE EXECUTED.

London, December 17th.—The Tsar, giving an audience to a deputation of reactionaries, declared that his manifesto of October 30th, was the complete and deliberative expression of his inflexible and unchangeable will. He urged them to co-operate in pacifying the country, and in realising the reforms which he had decreed.

THE SULTAN PROTESTS.

AGAINST THE MASSACRES OF MOSLEMS.

London, December 16th.—The Porte has vigorously protested to the Russian Government at St. Petersburg against the renewed massacre of Moslems at Tiflis, in Russian Trans-Caucasia.

The Russians, it is complained, are distributing arms among the Armenians and encouraging them to attack the Tartars, whose houses are entered and the inmates slaughtered, neither women nor children being spared. Numerous subjects of the Ottoman Empire are said to have been among the victims of these outrages.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

THE NEW TREATY.

London, December 16th.—The chief points in the new Chino-Japanese treaty provide:—

1. That the lease of the Kwan-Tung Peninsula, which was transferred by Russia to Japan under the Portsmouth treaty of peace, shall expire in 1923.
2. That China shall ultimately re-purchase the railway.
3. That Japanese consulates and garrisons to guard the railway shall be stationed at Neuchang, Mukden, Antung, Kirin, and Chan-Tung.
4. That the Customs of Manchuria shall be restored to China.

BOERS' REJECT EDUCATION PROPOSALS.

DEPUTATION GOES TO LONDON.

London, December 16th.—Anticipating concessions from the new Liberal Government in England, the Het Volk, the Boer political organisation, has rejected the education proposals recently submitted by Lord Selborne, the British High Commissioner.

It has decided to continue its opposition to the Government schools, and proposes to send a deputations London to emphasise the Boers' claims regarding the questions of self-government and education.

The Het Volk expresses disappointment at the appointments to the Colonial Office in the new Government.

THE AMERICAN DEEMING.

JOHANN HOCH'S DEATH SENTENCE.

CONFIRMED BY SUPREME COURT.

London, December 16th.—The Supreme Court of the United States has confirmed the death sentence which was passed several months ago on the man Johann Hoch, the notorious wife murderer of Chicago, for the murder of 12 wives. It was alleged at the trial, which ended in the sentence of death being passed on the prisioner, that he went through the marriage ceremony with no fewer than 39 women. In July last, Hoch was temporarily reprieved under extraordinary circumstances. He was proceeding to the staffold when an order came for his reprieve for a month and it was stated at the time that this order was the result of Hoch's lady friends having guaranteed the necessary funds to secure an appeal.

"FRENZIED FINANCE."

LAWSON LOSES £680,000,

London, Dec. 16.—Mr. T. W. Lawson, of Boston, the author "Frenzied Finance," has lost £680,000 in his desperate attempt to reduce the price of copper. He intends, it is stated, to stake his fortune on the effort he is making to bring the price down to what he regards as the normal value of copper.

A TERRIBLE BLASTING ACCIDENT.

A BAD accident occurred at Edgar's shaft, Mysore Mine, on the 24th instant, causing the death of a European named J. Urens and six natives, and injuring a European miner named Armstrong and five natives, one of whom has since died in hospital, Edgar's is the first vertical and masonry shaft on the field. Up to quite recently this shaft has been singularly free from serious accident. The shaft is being sunk by the lightening sinkers under Mr. Pigott, with Mr. Worsley temporarily in charge. It has now reached the depth, of 1,400 feet. About 1-45 a. m., an explosion, followed by shouts and groans, notified to the shaft and head watchman that an accident had happened. Almost immediately the huge bucket in which the stuff is brought up reached the surface upside down. He at once realised how serious the matter was, and proceeded to go below. A terrible scene met his eye. Out of a party of twenty including three Europeans, working at the bottom of the shaft in a space of about 22ft. by 23ft., he found only one European, Collins, a shift foreman, and five natives uninjured, except for severe shock. Urens was lying with a fractured skull manifestly on the point of death. Another European, Armstrong was buried up to the neck in debris, but was not much injured. The mutilated bodies of six natives were scattered about, one literally blown in half. The actual cause of the accident will probably never be ascertained, but as far as can be gathered Urens, who was a blaster of long experience, had charged one of a series of holes, preparatory to blasting, and was in the act of charging the second when the explosion occurred.

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THE GROUNDING OF H.M.S. "ASSISTANCE."

THE Lords of the Admiralty have issued a Minute, dated Dec. 4, in regard to the grounding of his Majesty's ship "Assistance" in Tetuan Bay on Oct. 12. They observe that the court-martial held at Gibraltar in November, under the presidency of Rear-Admiral Sir A B. Milne, acquitted Commander L. J. MacHutchin of negligently or by default suffering the vessel to be stranded. After reviewing the facts established in evidence, their lordships regret the choice of a berth for the Assistance made by the Commander-in-Chief, express the opinion that Commander MacHutchin showed a lack of knowledge of seamanship, and find themselves unable to appreciate the reasons which led to the finding of the Court.

A graver part of the report follows. It concerns the performance of duties on the battleships Commonwealth, Hindustan, and Canopus, and the cruiser Arrogant, which were lying in Tetuan Bay at the time. Notwithstanding the special warnings given in the "Mediterranean Pilot" (says the Minute), none of the ships except the Commonwealth which intended to weigh in the early morning, had fires alight for steaming purposes, nor do arrangements appear to have been made in preparation for weighing quickly in the event of necessity. "The Hindustan had moored for pratice the previous evening, and so remained during the night; some boats were out; an imperfect look-out was kept; and, generally speaking the ordinary seamanlike precautions for the safety of these valuable ships, lying at an exposed anchorage, appear to have been neglected in a greater or less degree, and the special warnings in the sailing directions to have been disregarded. In fact, Capt. Startin, the senior officer present, admitted to the Court that he was not specially acquainted, before the stranding of the Assistance, with the directions on page 252 of the Mediterranean Pilot Vol. I., respecting this anchorage. My Lords consider it was the duty of the senior officer present to have assured himself that his Majesty's ships at the anchorage were ready to weigh at short notice should circumstances have rendered it necessary during the night, . . ;" and My Lords have decided with regret to relieve Capt. James Startin of the command of the Commonwealth and to express to Capts. Alban G. Tate, Douglas A. Gamble, M. V. O., and John P. Rolleston their dissatisfaction at the want of appreciation of their responsibilities, and at the absence of seamanlike precaution on their part on this occasion. It further appears from the evidence before the court-martial that Lieuts. Cecil B. Shaw, Henry C. Geddes, Royal Naval Reserve, Mark S. Rothwell, and Hugh D. Hamilton, officers of the middle watch on board his Majesty's ships Commonwealth, Hindustan, Canopus, and Arrogant respectively, on the morning of Oct. 12, neglected important duty as officers of the watch, and my Lords have therefore decided to supersede them."

The minute mentions that it is the custom in the Arrogant for officers to keep an all-night watch, instead of dividing the night into various "watches." This practice is condemned at a time when great vigilance on the part of the officer of the watch is necessary to ensure the safety of the ship, and a report on the subject has been called for. "Having thus performed the painful task of commenting on the want of care which led to this grave disaster, the Admiralty express approbation of the exertions made by officers and men of the fleet to rescue the Assistance from her perilous position.

Commenting on the Admiralty Minute, the "Times" says:—"So comprehensive a censure of all concerned has seldom been passed of late years by a Board of Admiralty. But though comprehensive the censure is not undiscriminating. The Commander-in-Chief, who was not present in person, incurs their lordships' regret for selecting a berth for the Assistance which might expose her to danger in certain contingencies. The senior officer present is relieved of his command. The three other captains present incur their lordships dissatisfaction, expressed in very emphatic terms. The four officers of the watch immediately implicated are superseded. Even the court martial presided over by the Second in Command of the Atlantic Fleet does not escape censure, since, their lordships find themselves unable to appreciate the reasons which led to its finding." It will hardly be thought that these strictures are uncalled for. The safety of his Majesty's ships is at all times a paramount trust confided to all those who are for the time being placed in charge of them. The country has a right to expect that officers on whom this tremendous responsibility is laid should display a vigilance, a caution, and a seamanlike capacity fully equal to its discharge. It is painful for officers of long service and high reputation to be found wanting and to incur censure for their default; but the Navy has never resented, and we trust never will resent the faithful discharge of its duty in this respect by the Board of Admiralty as the supreme tribunal of the Service. The discipine and efficiency of the Navy are the ultimate security of the nation. Neither could be maintained if faults such as are rightly, in our judgment, held by the Admiralty to have been disclosed by the stranding of the Assistance were to be passed over without due censure and fitting punishment."

The "Morning Post":—"The Minute strikes us as a lucid document, and the decisions which it announces as necessary in the interests of the public service. Efficiency in the Navy, where efficiency is vital for the security of the nation, rest upon the practice of giving an officer authority and holding him responsible for the manner in which his authority is exercised. Responsibility implies censure or punishment in case of any failure in the full discharge of duty. The Admiralty Minute shows that according to the sailing directions the harbour of Tetuan is an anchorage which ships must be ready to quit at short notice, and that it is a dangerous place for ships not so ready. The facts recited show that only one of five ships was so ready for though they were all steamers only one had steam up or could get it up quickly. It is held to have been the duty of the senior officer present to see that this was cone, and upon him falls the punishment. The others are censured. This appears to us to be just. The publication of the Minute must have the effect of convincing all officers and men of the Navy that negligence of any sort will not be permitted in their Service."

The "Evening Standard":—"It is, indeed, a root-and-branch affair, and it falls like a bombshell after the sympathetic and easy-going verdict of the court-martial. But even the officers concerned must recognise that the best interests of the Service are thus best served. The Minute enforces the lesson that in the Navy no man can shelter himself behind another's back. Responsibility rests on every officer, and there can be no escape from its burden. That is the way in which our fleets have been made what they are, and it is the only way in which they can continue to be that sure rock of our defence, without which the empire must fall to pieces. It is a hard rule of life and conduct which demands efficiency at every moment and permits no extenuating circumstances in the hour of preventable disaster. But it is a rule to which the Navy must submit, and one from which we believe it has not the slightest wish to shrink. The Lords of the Admiralty have been extremely severe, but their judgment is in accordance with facts, and their action will be productive of good. For Capt. Startin—a gallant and heroic figure, whether on the bridge of a battleship or the saddle of a hunter—particular sympathy will be felt, as for all the other officers whose careers are jeopardised by this momentary neglect of stern duty. But they suffer that others may be strengthened and warned, and that Britannia may continue to rule the waves."

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m, yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Plague Deaths	Deaths from all Causes
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	0	0	2
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	0	1	20
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	2	1	23
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahaluxmi	0	0	5
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	0	0	32
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	0	0	6
G Mahim and Worli	1	0	5
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	6
Total	3	2	100
Total plague deaths to date	304,849	228,250	
Same date last year	18	21	122

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AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS.

ONE of the most delightful books on India yet published is that which Mr. Hallum Murray has just offered us under the somewhat misleading title of "The High-Road of Empire." Few would gather from that, that the work is a reproduction of water-colour and pen-and-ink sketches by a globe-trotter. Yet such it is, and well worthy its dedication to H. R. H. the Princess of Wales, "whose graceful task of uniting the British Empire by the tie of personal affection to the Throne has now extended to India." The pictures are exquisite and the letter-press, after being historical and geographical is originally descriptive. In arranging his volume of sketches "made along the highways of a fascinating land, one aim which Mr. Murray set before himself was to recall pleasant memories to those who have already fallen under the spell of its potent charm; another was to awaken, if possible, in the minds of others the determination to become better acquainted with the Great Empire in the East, "the guardianship and protection of which is at once our pride and not duty." Mr. Murray has found that the appeal which India makes is as many sided as it is universal and irresistible, with its glorious architecture, its unique landscapes, its rich historic associations and, above all, its strangely interesting people, whose customs and character have come down unaltered through the centuries and are now submitted to the impact of new ideas and new conditions, to them doubtless in great part incomprehensible. So far as Mr. Murray's experience goes, the effect of this collision of new and old, of East and West, is partially hidden from us by the apparent indifference of a calm demeanour, which at once conceals the tremendous capacity for passion that glows beneath an impressive surface and heightens the mystery that surrounds a fascinating people." In his book he gives us typical views of typical places, but though not neglecting the more striking scenes and buildings which form the goal of every pilgrim's quest he fixes the attention of lovers of the beautiful on the essentially picturesque side on the little pictures that unfold themselves at every turn of the wheel of life in India and might well be overlooked by the casual wayfarer. Prudently the writer closes his eyes to the social, political and religious problems which divide India, for if he had not, he would have spoilt his book and foundered in deep water which even the most experienced swimmer finds it hard to cross.

Mr. Murray is, however, anxious that his efforts may help to pave the highway of sympathetic understanding "which must unite East and West, if the unselfish devotion and unstinting self-sacrifice of those who have toiled for its welfare are to be crowned with success, a very pretty sentiment and a laudable aspiration. But Mr. Murray's volume is a charmingly illustrated tourists' guide book and affords a pleasant means of whiling away a half hour even by Anglo-Indians. As such, we recommend it and only in so far as the perusal of its pages may add to the toll of our cold weather visitors is it likely to "pave the highway of sympathetic understanding." It will serve no other purpose and this we say without, for a moment, wishing to utter a single word of disparagement of the volume as the readable record of an interesting tour. Here and there the writer may have made a slip in his notes and "misremembered" things, but slight revision will give us a perfectly accurate second edition, when the time comes. Mr. Murray is apparently not an enthusiastic sailor. He found board-ship life produce ennui, that existence afloat became tedious and irksome and the least thin line of distant coast at once aroused a longing to be ashore again, "no matter where." Within, the clock-work routine, the ceaseless motion, the cramped space, the close proximity of one's fellow-passengers, the constant tramp of feet—the passing and repassing and again repassing of walkers on deck—the faint oily smell which even the best kept steamers are not without, and which seemed to him to infect the uninteresting food, so that it tastes of the ship; without, the limitless horizon and the sameness of the ever-changing sea—these conditions and surroundings, the passing of the monotonous days and sleeping to the accompaniment of the rocking waves and the measured thud of the engine, all irritated and depressed him. But Mr. Murrray was a sick man when he left England. Furthermore he was on an Australian-bound steamer. We can well imagine therefore the feelings of delight he experienced on reaching Aden and his enthusiasm over the distant prospect of Bombay.

He revelled in the odour of the water within the three-mile limit—"that strange and all pervading smell of everything aromatic" the calls it, which we know to be the effect of the ebb tide of the harbour and of Love Grove. He never heard the exclamation of the old Salt to the ecstatic lady over "the delightful ozone" she was inhaling, so never thought of "the toon drains," never noticed the change in the colour of the water when the strange and all pervading smell of everything aromatic attacked his nostrils. We like an appreciative visitor and could dance with him when he, throws up his hands and exclaims: "This was the East, the glorious mysterious East . . different from anything expected add how far more enthralling." We do not doubt it. It must have been and still is. But it is well not to analyse in a guide-book. "The beautiful Bay, studded with green islands and jutting precipices," unfolded itself to his view, the Bay with its background of strange, quaintly shaped hills, amongst which the Bawa-Malang catches the eye with its peculiar, cylindrical and bottle-shaped peak crowned with a ruined fort." Not very long ago another tourist described how his steamer entered Back Bay and how he landed at Byculla pier, but no one before has written of the precipices in Bombay harbour, much less of the "beautiful Bay" and bottle shaped peaks and ruined forts. But it may have been a very clear day on which Mr. Murray landed and he was deceived into believing that the "Ghauts with their tumbled foreground," as Mr. Maclean says, served but to land-lock Bombay harbour and prevent the ships sailing over to Khandala or even Poona. Perchance he had magnificent binoculars, and why quarrel with a visitor who presents us with a river, whose estuary Bombay island crowns, who turns the Apollo-Bunder into a quay and fills the Yacht Club compound with a neatly terraced garden full of brilliant flower-beds? Mr. Murray came here in the early days of Lord Harris's governorship, when the late Colonel Rhodes was Military Secretary. That is a long time ago and the book is only just out. So slight slips of memory are but natural.

SPARE THE ROD. . .

THE Humanitarian League has started a special "Indian Humanitarian Committee" and its first effort is to abolish flogging as a punishment in India. Incidentally they protest against Englishmen carrying their love for sport—shooting, or hunting—in their gun cases over several thousand miles of ocean. The Committee proposes to take action in this matter on the ground "that however necessary it may be considered to destroy such animals as are directly dangerous to human life, it is impossible to justify the wanton infliction of death and suffering on vast numbers of inoffensive creatures for mere "sport," especially when such amusements are indulged in by the few against the wish of the many, and for the most part imported by Europeans without the smallest regard for the feelings of the Indian population." No doubt the Humanitarian League does much useful work, but in many matters its members will hardly find that the public sees eye to eye with them. Sir Henry Cotton has issued a pamphlet against whipping in gaols in India which he condemns with the sweeping assertions much beloved of the condemner. Was Sir Henry ever whipped at school we wonder! It is most probable, for his school days were at a time when the namby pamby schoolmaster was unknown and whipping took its proper place in the list of correctives for breaches of discipline. Occasionally to-day an irate parent appears in the Police Court to summon a schoolmaster for whipping his son, but the ridicule cast, and justly cast, at the man is as great as that which is cast at the boy when he returns amongst his school-fellows.

"Spare the rod and spoil the child" is a maxim which has stood the test of practical experience for many generations. It is the complement of "Hard words break no bones," and the average Englishman has too much common sense to be persuaded into correcting his child with a scolding which will be forgotten, when a timely whipping would leave a lasting impression and prevent a repetition of the offence. And, as with children, so with adults. The enormous class, which finds no disgrace in imprisonment, scoffs at fines and so expiates its faults with a minimum of discomfort—chiefly the absence of beer and tobacco. The only way to reach these is to inflict corporal punishment. With a large part of the class which fills Indian gaols time spent in confinement is practically luxury. They are fed and have nothing to do as compared with their labours when free and to reach these by any means other than corporal punishment is almost impossible. Flogging may produce sullenness, but it produces at the same time a wholesome fear of the law and, as everyone prefers to prevent crime rather than to punish it, it follows that the more severe the punishment the more hesitancy will there be before the law is broken. But we wonder why Sir Henry Cotton has put himself to so much trouble. In 1879 when the average daily strength of male convicts in Bengal was 16,604, flogging was inflicted as a gaol punishment no less than 8,324 times. "This brutal and wholesale resort to corporal punishment was," he says, "put down and the annual number of floggings has gradually dwindled to 167." If the number in 1879, has resulted in less criminality, to-day, there is no fault to be found, for in the course of time flogging will automatically become unnecessary, but if this be not the case then we think that Sir Henry is working hard in the wrong direction. If the Humanitarian League will confine itself to the improvement of the treatment of animals in slaughter houses and such kindred points it will do far more good than by inveighing against the most effective punishment ever devised.

SPORT AT KHANDALA.

Now that the Railway service leaves so little to be desired in the way of rapidity and accommodation the claims of Khandala as a week-end resort will force themselves upon public attention. Golfers, weary of Bombay's uninteresting links, and finding Nasik too difficult of access, will be pleased to learn that Khandala now affords them all they require. The present Commandant of the Sanitarium, Major Scott of the South Wales Borderers, with the assistance of a North Berwick expert, has laid down remarkably sporting links of eleven holes. During the holidays they have been used by players from various parts of the Presidency who have pronounced them excellent. The "browns" are beautifully laid and kept in perfect order. A few little improvements are now in course of completion and the Khandala golf links bid fair to eclipse most on this side of India. In the present state of the weather golf may be played almost the whole day through, and we anticipate an immediate influx of Saturday to Monday exponents of the royal and ancient game to the popular hill station. It may be mentioned that Khandala has had its usual Christmas panther. On Saturday evening it killed a cow not far from the village and, after devouring a large portion of the carcase, disappeared. When it returned, the next night, the Commandant was waiting for it, but at the critical moment a visitor with a blunderbus arrived on the spot and frightened the beast away. When the moon had gone down it returned and consumed most of the kill, again disappearing. It is hoped, however, that by this time the panther will have received his quietus.

THE net profit of the Alliance Banks of Simla, Limited, for the half year ended 31st December 1905, amounts to Rs. 1,48,732 including the balance brought forward. The usual ad-interim dividend at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum will be paid, and the balance Rs. 58,732, carried forward.

THE Chinese Government sent three Chinese Army surgeons to the United States to attend the Medical Congress there. After the Congress they went to Vienna and are now engaged in studying modern methods of medical treatment.

THE Canadian Minister for Naval affairs recently visited London to discuss with the British Admiralty authorities a proposal for stationing at Halifax one or two modern cruisers. The Admiralty will probably furnish the vessels and naval instructors, Canada the crews and the cost of commissioning them.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Dholka Railway, for the week ending 11th Nov. amounted to Rs. 2,161, being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 953. Total earnings from 1st July to 11th November were Rs. 28,420, being a decrease on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 3,197.

THE statement of traffic of the Tapti-Valley Railway, for the week ending 11th November, amounted to Rs. 16,227 being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 6,174. Total earnings from 1st July to 11th November were Rs. 2,29,981, being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 80,306.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Prantej Railway, for the week ending 11th November, amounted to Rs. 3,128 being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 1,037. Total earnings from 1st July to 11th November were Rs. 54,212, being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 5,504.

IN an interview with a representative of the "Echo de Paris," M. Dutreil, deputy for the department of Mayenne, who has just returned from a journey in Morocco, declared that he left Fez with the conviction that Germany had instituted a vast conspiracy there against French supremacy in Northern Africa. For some time past Germany had been carrying on intrigues among the most turbulent tribes, and was inciting them to agitation.

WHAT is believed to be the largest oil-field in the world, lying about one hundred miles from Sydney, is now being energetically exploited by an English Syndicate. Both lubricating and illuminating oil is expected to be turned out in enormous quantities. The Prime Minister, of New South Wales, spoke of this enterprise in his Budget address last September, as one of the greatest hitherto undertaken in Australia.

WITH regard to the list of honours published on Saturday, on Mr. Balfour's recommendation it is pointed out that the retiring Prime Minister has disregarded recent precedent, by not recommending any of his colleagues for titles or decorations. This is considered to be a praiseworthy reversion to the earlier practice, which has been departed from in recent times by Prime Minister on both sides of politics. Thus Mr. R. A. Cross became Sir Richard Cross, G.C.B., on Lord Beaconsfield's retirement in 1880, and Mr. Champbell-Bannerman and Mr. Henry Fowler became Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, G.C.B., and Sir Henry Fowler, G.C.S.I., on Lord Rosebery's retirement in 1895. It is understood that Mr. Balfour maintains that the King's confidential servants should not accept titles or decorations, whether in office or in opposition, so long as they are still ready to serve his Majesty, but only when they desire to retire from active political life. It is to be hoped that the new Prime Minister will uphold this salutary view.

It appears that the most terrible consequences of the Boer war have been overlooked. Many reputations were lost during the fighting. They were inconsiderable in comparison with the reputations that have taken flight since. The first were professional, and concerned only the national safety. The others are sartorial, and strike at the roots of the national beauty. In plain—awfully plain—language the British officer who used to set the fashion in dress—where silk hats and frock coats were as near, perfection as mortals could expect—returned from South Africa with a lowered sense of social demands and his own personal responsibility. What South Africa began the development of the motor car is completing. The "Outfitter" is almost in tears over the shameful carelessness now manifest in the best circles. A Norfolk jacket and riding breeches, accompanied by a cap and gaiters, are accepted "even on Sundays." Carelessness in dress has become "firmly rooted" in the minds of the "gilded youth of this country," and if things go on as they are now going the "smartly groomed man will be as extinct as the dodo." It is deplorable. We are more conscious than ever of the evils of war, and are not sure that "articles de luxe in dress" ought not to be insisted on by Government as essential—essential as the white label with black numbers—to the outfit of a motorist and the protection of society.

THE best points about the new Cabinet (the "Times" suggests) are to be found in the allotment of the Foreign Office and the Colonial Office. The exclusion of Sir Edward Grey from the former post would have been a national disappointment while Lord Elgin goes to the latter with a record perfectly clear or partisan speeches, which is more than could be said of any other leading Liberal. Mr. Haldane will also have general good wishes in his attempts to tackle the difficult business of the War Office, and it is to be hoped that his great abilities and conciliatory temper will enable him to cope with it successfully. In the India Office, Mr. Morley has a task which is not particularly familiar, and presents special difficulties just now. He also may perhaps succeed in pouring oil upon the waters. The Cabinet, as a whole, is too big, including as many as 19 members. We do not forget that Lord Salisbury once had 20. But Mr. Balfour's reduction of the number to 17 was a wise alteration, and we are sorry to see another reversion to the earlier state of things. There are also certain definite points of weakness in the new Cabinet. The Irish administration, confided as it is to Mr. Bryce and Lord Aberdeen, identifies the new Ministry at once with the Gladstonian tradition, and must be taken as one more sign that Home Rule is still a vital factor. Another source of weakness will be the comparative feebleness of the Government in the House of Lords, where Sir Robert Reid—as Lord Chancellor—Lord Ripon, Lord Elgin, Lord Tweedmouth, Lord Crewe, and Lord Carrington will have to meet Lord Lansdowne, Lord Rosebery, the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Halbury, and Lord Goschen. Concurrently with this weakness in the Lords must be taken the Prime Minister's retention of the leadership of the House of Commons, a position which will leave him exposed to two great debaters whom he is hardly fitted to withstand. This was written before Lord Rosebery's speech at the Liberal Union on Monday, which shows that if he will sharply watch the Home Rule tendencies of the Government, he will accord it a general support.

NURSERY FROCKS.

In many ways the children of to-day have won their freedom. They are no longer seen and not heard; they no longer live entirely on the top floor; they are no longer forbidden the theatre and the newspaper. They are autocrats whose health determines where their parents shall live, whose education fixes the hours of the family meals, whose holidays upset the routine of the household. But in one respect they are still fettered. The children of to-day do not yet choose their own frocks. This is curious, if one comes to examine it. I should have thought, for instance, that a mother might be judged competent to select a school, or a seaside place for the holidays, or an entertainment for somebody's birthday, or next Sunday's dinner. These matters, however, are generally settled by the nursery, or at all events it has a great deal to say about them. But when it comes to frocks the mother still asserts her ancient prestige. The Early Victorian child was not more of a slave with regard to her dress than is the little girl of to-day.

To write about children is to write about mothers, and particularly so in regard to their dress. Examine a child's frock and you will know what the mother is like. And, apart from the ideal mother, with whom these remarks have no connection, the mother is generally one of the three kinds—artistic, hygienic, or fashionable. And I scarcely know which of the three has the most unfortunate influence on the frocks of the nursery. Children are sensitive on many points, but I think nothing causes them quite so much suffering as the clothes they are sometimes made to wear by unsuspecting mothers. This applies less to sons than to daughters, of course, because a boy's dress is more or less fixed by a law that was not framed by mothers, and the most artistic lady in the world cannot put a picture hat on the head of her son when he has once got into knickerbockers. She may revel in velvet and lace, it is true, for a year or two longer; but in the end a father, a school inventory, and a tailor set the limit to his sufferings. But a girl is never safe. She can never be sure that she will not be sent to play hockey in a Liberty frock, or to a children's party in what is called a "sensible" dress, hygienic no doubt, but also uncomely; or, worst of all, to a modern school where blue serge prevails in a fashionable frock with a waist—at worst, a Paris model. I sometimes marvel at the short memory of mothers. In their own nursery days did they not dread facing their school-fellows in a new dress unless it was exactly like everybody else's? Did they never put on a Paris frock in silent anguish and go to a friend's birthday party, knowing that there would not be another like it there, and that they would be stared at all the afternoon? Were they never taken out driving in a large Leghorn hat that flopped over one eye all the time that it was not rolling away down the road? It is strange, if they really did all these things, that they should have forgotten so soon.

There would be no reason to criticise mothers if they were right and the children were wrong—if, from the point of view of health, comfort, beauty, simplicity, or any of those things, the clothes they design for their children were superior to those the children want to wear. But so often this is not the case. To see, as one frequently does, a baby of two weighed down by a large hat with feathers, or a little girl who is doing her growing rather faster than she should encumbered with frils and flounces and unnecessary petticoats, or her rather older sister cut in two by a tight waistband, at an age when convention insists upon her skirt being of the unbecoming length that just reaches the tops of her boots, is to feel convinced that nursery fashions are influenced neither by a regard for health nor by a sense of beauty. Yet there is probably less reason now than at any former period for beauty in dress to be dissociated from comfort. But even without believing that beauty in dress must bring comfort with it, since neither can be attained unless the natural lines of the body are taken into account, I should have thought that in the case of growing children no one would dispute the importance of allowing their bodies to gain from the suitability of their dress and their minds from its prettiness.

I never know why it is that directly one begins to advocate comfort in dress, one is supposed to be thinking of something grey and flannelly and shapeless. Rather than put a child with a dawning sense of beauty into that sort of hygienic garment, I would risk the inconveniences of the worst kind of artistic frock. It certainly would not hurt her health nearly so much as the other would hurt her soul. Besides, I do not believe that the shapeless, colourless frock would induce the little frame within it to form beautiful lines—so great is the æsthetic value of dress. But really nowadays we have got beyond the purely sanitary clothes of the faddist, as beyond the Kate Greenaway trailing skirts that would round baby legs and tripped them up at their games. Now, as never before, we can dress our children in clothes that are charming to the eye as well as comfortable to wear. Take the jibbeh-shaped frock, for instance. Originally intended as a substitute for the teagown of the grown-up element downstairs, it has now wandered up to the nursery floor, where it should be received with enthusiasm. It hangs straight from the shoulders, whence follows freedom and a chance to grow straight and well-formed, and the peculiar way it is cut, does away with that thick and bunchy look that was the one fault of the smock-shaped frock, now slowly on the decline. Still, the jibbeh does not suit every child, especially not the very slim little girl, and it has, besides, one serious drawback from the nurse's point of view—possibly to be avoided by a clever dressmaker—of rumpling the hair every time it is pulled off over the head, as it has to be in the absence of hooks or any other kind of fastening. The little girl whose shoulders are already as sloping as they should be must also avoid the jibbeh; but for her there is the pinafore-shaped frock, in which a chemisette with sleeves is worn underneath a tunic, the latter suspended from the shoulders by shoulder-straps. Another frock which hangs straight from the shoulders but does not unduly emphasise the fact as some straight frocks do when the wearer has grown too tall for her age, is also made all in one, but instead of being smocked or gathered into a yoke takes the form of a short-waisted garment in which the bodice-piece is joined to the skirt high up under the arms, by a band of the same stuff. This is a good shape not only for the tall child, who would look ungainly in a long straight frock, but also for the little girl of the awkward age who is hastening to grow broad as well as long, though it has no waist in the horrible fasionable significance of the term, and therefore does not press in the least upon organs that should be left to form naturally. Only the waist that is left untrammelled will be slender and elegant when the wearer has grown into a woman. I have named only three frocks, but they admit of endless variations, and they all combine beauty and health in the hands of a clever mother who knows what suits her child and is not led astray by visions of what she wishes would suit her.

Much might also be said about children's hats. Left to herself, I do not believe there is a little girl in Christendom who would not choose something small that would keep on her head without any trouble. I admit that it is not easy to find girls' hats that are at the same time comfortable and pleasing to the eye and all my sympathies are with the artistic mother who wants her small daughter to wear the wide-spreading hat that suits her admirably. Still it means great affliction on a windy day for the small daughter, and in any case I think it should be restricted to occasions when a best hat is demanded and that it should not be unnecessarily floppy and uncomfortable. For school and the playing-field nothing can well be more suitable or more becoming to almost any child's face than the Tam-o'-Shanter, if the colour and shape are carefully chosen; and every little girl I know likes to wear a Tam-o'-Shanter. Anyone who doubts this should look at the faces that beam from beneath them, and it will be found in most cases that those are far more happy-looking than those of the wearers of the picture hat. And what is more important than almost any other argument for the gospel of comfort in dress that also spells beauty is the fact that when the wearer of it grows into a mother herself she will spare the little girl of to-morrow the mental torture of wearing the wrong sort of clothes. And this is really an important argument, because the memories of mothers are so short.

THE ALIENS ACT.

ENGLAND REJECTS UNDESIRABLES.

SCOPE AND AIM OF THE MEASURE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JAN. 1.

Twenty-two out of forty-two aliens from Hamburg were rejected at Grimsby yesterday, under the new Act which has come into force.

The immigrants were disqualified through lack of means, but appealed on the ground of being Russian refugees.

LONDON, JAN. 2.

Fifteen of the rejected immigrants at Grimsby were subsequently admitted on the ground that they were political refugees. The others will return to Hamburg.

[The Aliens Act does not propose to interfere in any way, with bona-fide transmigrants: but to prevent the landing of undesirable aliens. Where leave to land is refused, the immigrant or the master of the ship may appeal to a board of three persons, one of whom should be a magistrate and the other two of Poor Law and administrative experience. An immigrant will be considered undesirable, and may be refused leave to land if he cannot show that he has or is in a position to obtain, means of supporting himself in decent sanitary conditions; if he is a lunatic, idiot, or, owing to disease or infirmity, likely to become a charge on the rates, or otherwise a deteriment to the public; if he had been sentenced abroad for extradition crimes, not being of a political character; or if he had been previously expelled under this Act. The landing of an immigrant, however, will not be refused on the ground only of want of means if he prove that he is seeking admission solely to avoid prosecution for an offience of a political character. The bill also provides for the expulsion of undesirable aliens who are already in the country.]

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE COMING ELECTIONS.

Position of the Liberals,

LONDGN, JAN. 2.

The "Times" calculates that the Liberals must win seventy-six seats in order to defeat the Unionists unaided or 117 seats to confront a possible Unionist and Nationalist combination. No fewer than 133 members of the House of Commons are not seeking reelection.

MORE LABOUR CANDIDATES IN ENGLAND.

Another Threat to Liberal Success,

LONDON, JAN. 1.

New Labour Candidates appearing at the last moment are increasing the number of triangular duels which the Liberals estimate will endanger thirty seats.

[Mr. W. Crooks, Labour representative of Woolwich, writing in the "National Review" thus describes the position of his party. He says: "our policy is to influence and suggest measures, and all our weight will be used to compel whatever Party is in power to deal with. The Trades Unions Disputes Bill; Education; Housing and the Land; Women's Suffrage; and Reform of the Registration Acts. On each of these subjects the Labour Party are prepared for opposition different in character to that which it anticipates in dealing with the Poor Law and the unemployed. No sympathy is expected from the haters of Trades Unions, or from the representatives of vested interests.

But our position is perfectly clear, and can be briefly stated. The Trades Unions Disputes Bill, supported by four millions of organised workmen, must be made a Government Bill, of first class importance. Education to us means equality of opportunity for all who have capacity. Creeds and dogma must not be allowed to overshadow its machinery. The housing of the people, or want of it, is one of the principal reasons for the migration of thousands from agricultural districts to our large townsand cities. In Iceland ithasbeen found expedient to build cottages for the accommodation of labourers. So to encouage those who remain and those who will return as farm hands, it it necessary to replace the sheds and styes of old England by habitations of comfort and decency. Women's suffrage to me is part and parcel of adult suffrage, but I would support a Bill to put women on the register with the same qualifications as men. Reform of the Registration Acts is to make the qualification three months' residence, and one person one vote. We have had enough of the twaddle of one vote one value. But if the Labour Party considers home politics to be of paramount importance, what, it is asked, is likely to be its attitude forward foreign and Imperial questions? .. Labour Party is the only political party in the world which is international, and the policy of organised labour is a policy of international peace. To us our country is our only possession, and to guard its privileges and interests our first duty. Secure in our patriotism, we confer with the political parties of other nations, agree on joint programmes, and by establishing friendly relations with the peoples of the world, will remove distrust, shatter misconception, and fling wide the gates to a foreign policy safer in its influences, wider in its aspirations, and mightier than armaments. The true Imperialism of our race is safe in our keeping. We have already framed a scheme for sending Labour ambassadors round the world for the purpose of arriving at some understanding with the Labour Parties of the Colonies. Determined that our common interests shall be promoted, we ask our brethren under the British flag to resist the allurements of musty, economic nostrums speciously advanced for the one purpose of obscuring the misery caused by bad, wretched legislation. The coming of the Labour Party is a harbinger of hope to the world of politics. Peace Retrenchment and Reform bring with them a flood of memories of promises long forgotten; but, backed by the men and women of England, the Labour Party will secure to the Empire Progress, Happiness and Contentment.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE'S MANIFESTO.

LONDON JAN. 1.

The Duke of Devonshire has issued a manifesto in which he says that it is improbable the Government will risk a Home Rule Bill in the next Parliament.

The fiscal issue cannot be shelved and it is the duty of the Free Trade Unionists, where they are unable to secure direct representation, to act so as to show that all the Unionists are not committed to Protection.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

POLITICAL ADDRESSES.

Mr. Balfour and Chinese Labour.

LONDON, JAN. 2.

Mr. Balfour, speaking at Leamington, lengthily and passionately defended Chinese labour and declared the Liberal leaders had done a gross injury to the morals of the country by their atrocious falsehoods and electioneering cry of Slavery while not intending to expel the coolies.

[Writing on this subject the other day the "Times" observed: —"Opponents of Chinese labour have never quite been able to make up their minds whether the coolies were confined like slaves or whether their licence was a danger to the community. The first contention cannot really be maintained for a moment in face of the full knowledge available as to terms of engagement, conditions of life on the Rand, and last, but not least—Lord Selborne's emphatic defence of the power of free movement and the privilege of the pass. The other side of the picture—the contention that the Chinese were a danger tothe white community—has risen into prominence again with the reports of desertions. Those who, after studying the Labour Ordinance, are still disposed to inquire why we should put ourselves to all this trouble by importing Chinese may be reminded of one cardinal fact to which Lord Selborne has not failed to draw attention. That is the cleavage, fundamental in South Africa as we know it, between white and coloured labour. An adequate supply of coloured labour will directly increase the amount of white labour employed; but while social conditions remain as they are, white labour cannot take the place of coloured unskilled labour. We have therefore to make up our minds between letting the Rand, and with it the whole Transvaal, go backwards because we will not supply enough coloured labour; and admitting such labour, with its consequent direct increase in white skilled employment on the mines, and its vast indirect increase of white employment in every sort of trade and industry throughout the Transvaal. The choice between the two alternatives seems pretty clear, and there is no reason why a Liberal Secretary of State for the Colonies should be debarred from making it to the best advantage. The new Labour Ordinance satisfies, through one or other of its provisions, almost every possible objection that has been urged by Liberals against Chinese labour. It amply secures the conditions which experience has shown to be advisable in order to maintain discipline. It makes no less for the contentment and tranquillity of the Chinese themselves. Under such regulations a Liberal Government has no reasonable ground for refusing to maintain the system supposing that responsible government in the Transvaal still pronounces in favour of its retention]

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE FISCAL PROGRAMME.

LONDON, JAN. 1.

Mr. Chamberlain in his electoral address forcibly restates his fiscal policy.

Colonial preference is the primary, and retaliation the secondary, issue. The new Government, he says, is essentially Home Rule and Little Englander.

Mr. Lyttelton in his electoral address says that the temporary lull in the importation of Chinese is not as important as the decision of the Transvaal Representative Legislature expected in the spring.

THE WAR STORES SCANDAL.

Court Martial to Sit To-day.

ANOTHER ARREST.

A Court Martial has been ordered to meet at Chelsea on the 3rd instant, to try Sergeant-Major Hilton of the Army Service Corps in connection with the South African War Stores Scandal.

LONDON, JAN. 2.

Sergeant Major Hilton is charged with attempting to leave the country.

Sergeant Major Beavan,, Army Service Corps, has been arrested at Aldershot.

THE REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA.

Terrible State in Siberia.

LONDON, JAN. 1.

The Russian Government continues to make wholesale arrests of revolutionary suspects and the prisons at St. Petersburg are overflowing.

Six hundred were arrested at Moscow on Saturday, and, after some fighting, only a few of the leaders escaped.

The St. Petersburg newspapers draw a terrible picture of the Siberian Railway to Cheliabnisk.

The authorities have disappeard and soldiers and sailors have pillaged all the stations.

There is complete anarchy at Irkutsk and the military trains are proceeding without any orders.

A WINTER CAMPAIGN IN THE BALTIC PROVINCES.

Commencement of Operations.

A despatch from St. Petersburg [states that recognizing that the subjugation of the Baltic Provinces is a most formidable task, the Government is preparing for a winter campaign on a large scale and troops are already entering Courland from four sides.

H. M. S. SAPPHIRE.

H. M. S. Sapphire, which is still at Kiel, has been re-called to England.

M. SVEN HEDIN.

M. Sven Hedin has left Teheran with fourteen camels and seven men bound towards India.

FOOTBALL MATCH IN FRANCE.

The New Zealand Football team has defeated France at Paris by 38 points to 8.

NEW CHIEF OF THE GERMAN GENERAL STAFF.

Lieutenant-General von Moltke, the nephew of the famous General of the Franco-German War, has been appointed Chief of the German General Staff, General Schlieffen having retired.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION AT THE ELYSEE.

Advance of International Peace.

LONDON, JAN. 2.

At the New Year's reception at the Elysee, Count Tornielli, the Italian Ambassador, on behalf of the other diplomatists present, voiced their satisfaction at the conclusion of peace between Russia and Japan and the advance in the International peace movement.

President Loubet concurred in his remarks and deduced most favorable conclusions from the pacific dispositions of the world.

THE CHINESE ARMY.

Scheme for Making it Self-Sufficient.

The "Times," discussing two exhaustive articles by its Military correspondent upon Yuanshikai's Army which is warmly praised for its excellence, training and discipline, describes the scheme for increasing it to 432,000 men and remarks that this will relieve the Powers of all further anxiety for the integrity and independence of the Chinese Empire.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA IN CALCUTTA.

VICTORY IN A TWO DAYS' MATCH.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 2.

The Bombay Gymkhana have beaten the Ballygunge Cricket Club in a two days' match by nine wickets. The scores are: Ballygunge 183 and 137, while Bombay made 263 in the first innings and 60 for one wicket in their second innings.

ALIGARH vs CALCUTTA CRICKET MATCH.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 2.

Aligarh versus Calcutta cricket match was resumed to-day on a wet wicket. Calcutta were all out in the first innings for 164, the last six wickets producing only thirty-three runs. The visitors then resumed and lost four wickets for 36 runs. Ehsan then came to rescue of his side and matters began to mend, Ehsan making 52, Mahmud 22, Rashed 27 not out, Moyhnee 22. The venture eventually closed for 169 runs, thus leaving Calcutta 122 to get to win and half an hour left to play. This was hopeless and when the bell went forty runs only had been added for two good wickets.

ALL INDIA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 2.

The Finals in the amateur Golf Championship of India were played off here to-day when Campbell beat Meckenzie five up and three to play, thus securing the Challenge Cup for one year, besides winning a miniature cup outright. Mackenzie takes the prize for runner up.

THE CALCUTTA POLO TOURNAMENT.

VICTORY FOR THE XVTH HUSSARS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 2.

In the Polo Tournament here to-day the XVth Hussars beat Central India Horse, as they pleased, by eight goals.

EXCITING STRUGGLE IN A PANTHER HUNT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KUNDLA, JANUARY 1.

This morning, between Adeang and Ambasdi, his Highness the Maharaja unexpectedly came upon the tracks of another panther. Following up the footprints his Highness came upon a female panther in a nullah, covered thickly with thorn bushes. The beaters were very few in number, but they succeeded in driving the animal out of cover. A bullet from the right barrel of his Highness's rifle wounded the animal badly, and, although his Highness warned the beaters not to advance towards the wounded beast, they closed in a circle round her and she sprang desperately upon a Kathi of Agaria. The Kathiinstantaneously drew his sword, and dealt her a powerful blow which went right through the animal's head. The beast measured seven feet and six inches.

NEW YEAR'S EVE MUSICALLY CELEBRATED.

THE management responsible for the enjoyable Concerts at the Apollo Bunder gardens on New Year's eve must be emphatically complimented on the phenomenal success it met with. The music, considering the opportunities the musicians could have had for rehearsal together, was good, and the selection of songs was just the sort to please every one. It was a marvellous sight watching the huge crowd of Europeans singing "Auld Lang Syne" to the accompaniment of the massed bands, but still more wonderful was the sudden disappearance of Bombay's apathy! Every tune was applauded, some necored, and others joined in with by the audience! Prodigious! Mr. Coke, who conducted the massed bands, should feel proud of the success of his efforts. The New Year was heralded in by a peal of bells sounding the well-known old country Christmas Chimes, after which twelve o'clock was heard and then, amid cheers, came the well known strains of Auld Lang Syne. This was appropriately followed by "Old Folks at Home," the solo being played by the tuneful Obelo player Mr. Floyd (an old soldier of the "Fighting Fifth") The concert which commenced at 10 p.m, concluded amidst cheers for the conductor, at twelve-thirty. We congratulate the Taj Mahal on its band and Bandmaster, whose call to the audience for three cheers for the "British soldiers away from home in India" was as original as it was enthusiastically given by the large crowd. The following were the vocal items in the programme.: "The Song That Reached My Heart," "Come Back to Erin," "John Peel," "Annie Laurie," "God Bless The Prince of Wales," "Rule Britannia," "Leslie Stuart's Songs," (including "Soldiers of the Queen,") and "Old Folks at Home."

THE ROYAL TOUR.

VISITS FROM THE TASHI LAMA AND TONGSA PENLOP.

PEOPLES' RECEPTION ON THE MAIDAN.

PURELY NATIVE CEREMONIES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 2.

There was rain last night, which has damped the decorations, but the big reception to the Prince on the maidan is to take place all the same this afternoon, and the gathering, it is expected, will be a record one.

LATER.

The Prince of Wales this morning received visits from the Tashi Lama, the Maharaj Kumar of Sikkim, the Maharaj Kumar of Bhutan and the Tongsa Penlop. The Tashi Lama was attended by a weird and wonderful retinue who formed an amazing cavalcade with pipes and tabors playing. They were a rough looking crowd riding rough coated hill ponies and wearing red and yellow hats of extraordinary shape. They carried red and yellow banners and a palki for the Lama who, however, was driven to Government House in a carriage. The attendants of the Tashi Lama and of the Sikkim and Bhutan Maharaj Kumar and the Tongsa Penlop brought numerous presents which were laid before the Prince. The Tashi Lama personally presented an ivory belted poniard to his Royal Highness and the chief personage with him presented silk scarves. Tea was served to the Lama and the other visitors instead of attar and pan.

This afternoon Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess attended the public entertainment on the maidan arranged in their honour. The entertainment was of an extraordinary nature and there was an immense gathering of all communities. A great amphitheatre pavilion had been built and this was packed while there were vast crowds on the maidan beyond. A choir of school children sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales" on the arrival of Their Royal Highnesses and the formalities included the presentation of garlands, sacred fragrant wood, fruit and flowers along with a scroll containing a Sanscrit Mantra. Two Buddists priests presented an address of Pali slokas specially composed and a Bengali song of welcome was sung. Thereafter a weird performance took place in the arena. Hindus with sugarloaf hats, false beard and spanged robes gave what was called a Baul song. This was followed by a Nagar Sankirtan by Hindus in saffron robes; a combination of sacred song and dance, grotesque Sikkim dance, Bhutanese dance and Tibetan dance, in each of which performers wore hideous masks, were also given in turn, the programme concluding with an exhibition of Indian quarter staff play. The eccentric items were marked off by enjoyable musical contributions by the Bharate Musical Association and the Military massed band. Pan and attar were offered to their Royal Highnesses and the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Fraser and the Mahomedan Imanzamin was placed on the arms of the Prince.

Their Royal Highnesses left amid great cheering. As dusk fell the Pavilion was illuminated with electric lights and on a serpentine tank there was an exhibition of the Bera or Murshidabad illumination while musicians on an illuminated boat illustrated the Sari Song; the trees and buildings around the maidan were also aglow with fairy and electric lights.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

WESTERN COMMAND.

3rd Sappers and Miners.—Captain and Brevet-Major W B Leslie, Royal Engineers, Company Commander, and Officiating Superintendent of Instruction, to be Superintendent of Instuction, vice Major C E Baddeley, Royal Engineers vacated. Dated 1st December.

Lieutenant J M Ingram, No 8 Ammunition Column, Royal Field Artillery, to be Range Officer at the remaining Pratice Camps of this season, vice Captain C B Thakeray.

1st Duke of York's Own Lancers (Skinner's Horse).—Major C Davis to officiate as Commandant and Major H L Roberts, as 2nd-in-Command, during the absence on leave of Brevet Colonel C H Hayes or until further orders.

3rd Sappers and Miners.—Lieutenant W F Maxwell Royal Engineers, Company Officer, to be company Commander, vice Captain and Brevet-Major W B Leslie, Royal Engineers appointed Superintendent of Instruction. Dated 1st December.

6th Jat Light Infantry.—Major K. J. G. Dunolly, attached 74th Punjabis, is appointed sub pro tem. 3rd Double Company Commander, vice Major A. J. Jamieson, seconded.

37th Dogras.—2nd-Lieutenant E. R. P. Berryman Unattached List, to be an Officiating Double Company Officer. Dated 8th December.

103rd Mahsratta Light Infantry.—Major G. de S. DeLisle, 3nd-in-Command, to officiate as Commandant and Major G. C. F. Sartorius, 2nd Double Company Commander, to officiate as 2nd-in-Command, during the absence on leave of Lieutenant Colonel W. B. Piers, or until further orders.

2nd-Lieutenant H C. Brodie, Lincolnshire Regiment, attached 1st Battalion. Lincolnshire Regiment, a candidate for the Indian Army, to be a Double Company Officer. Dated 11th December.

126th Baluchistan Infantry.—Captain A. W. Chitty, to be pro tem. 3rd Double Company Commander, Captain A. L. Barrett, to be pro tem. 4th Double Company Commander, but to remain seconded, and Captain O.G. Wodehouse, to be pro tem. 4th Double Company Commander, vice Captain R. S. Paul seconded.

2nd-Lieutenant C. R. L. Fitzgarald, Northumberland Fusiliers, attached 2nd Battalion, East Surrey Regiment, a candidate for the Indian Army, to be a Double Company Officer. Dated 14th December.

Indian Subordinate Medical Department.—3rd Class Assistant Surgeon J. L, Lawrence, to Command No 32 Company, Army Brearer Corps, Quetta, vice 3rd Class Assistant Surgeon J. Shemain, reverted to General Duty, with effect from the date he takes overcharge.

Risaldar-Major Faiz Khan, Bahadur, 36th Jacob's Horse, Native Aide-de-Camp (on probation) to the Lieutenant-General Commanding Western Command, is confirmed in that appointment.

Under instructions from the War Office, Major C. J. E. A. McArthur, King's Own Scottish Borderers is directed to proceed to England and join the 1st Battalion, to which he has been appointed 2nd-in-Command.

The following transfers in the Army Bearer Corps are ordered:—3rd Class Assistant Surgeon C C Kelly, from No. 28 Company, Deesa, to No. 31 Company, Quetta, vice 2nd Class Assistant Surgeon C A W Turner, reverted to General Duty. 3rd Class Assistant Surgeon G H King, from No. 21 Company Belgaum, to No. 28 Company, Deesa. 2nd Class Assistant Surgeon L J De Souse, from No. 27 Company, Mhow, to No. 21 Company, Belgaum. 3rd Class Assistant Surgeon St. J E Hendricks, from No. 25 Company, Aden, to No. 27 Company, Mhow.

LORD LAMINGTON'S TOUR.

A PLEASANT DAY AT GOA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

PANGIM, DEC. 31.

In the midst of Christmas greetings, balls, and soirees, to which greater life has been added this year owing to the presence of a cruiser and a gunboat, the year closed with a visit of H. E. Lord Lamington to H. E. Col. Novaes, our popular Govnor-General. His Excelleney arrived here on board the R. I. M. S. Dufferin, at 6 a.m., yesterday and no sooner was the steamer anchored off Aguada than H. E. Col. Novaes accompanied by General Castel Branco, Viscount de Wrem and Mr. Peixoto Viera, Chief Secretary to Government, Mr. Osorio de Castro, Advocate-General, Captain Antonio Maria da Silva, Chief of the Staff Office, D. Luis de Castro, A.D.C. and Lieut Mello, embarked on board the gunboat "Sado" which went out to meet the Dufferin. On approaching the latter the "Sado" lowered her boat and, as the sea was somewhat rough, only, H. E. Lord Lamington and his A.D.C. Captain Greigh were conveyed in it and were received by H. E. Colonel Novaes at the quarter-deck gangway. The "Sado" then, with the illustrious guest on board, moved back up the Mandovy, and at Reis Magos received on board the remaining suite of Lord Lamington, viz.:—Colonel Owen, Mr. Du Boulay, Surgeon-Major Yarr, Lady Adela Cochrane, Mrs. Du Boulay, and Mr. T. Cochrane, who were following in a steam launch. As the gunboat passed the cruiser S. Gabriel, the latter fired a salute of 19 guns. On arriving in front of the Palace, H. E. Colonel Novaes with his Secretary Mr. Peixoto Vieira, Captain Silva and Lieutenant Melio went ashore. His Excellency driving to the Cabo, while the gunboat continued her voyage and dropped anchor at St. Pedro. Here the gubernatorial Party were taken to the Government galiot which was towed by a steam launch to the landing pier of Old Goa where Mademoiselle Novaes and Mr. Novaes were awaiting the distinguished guests of their father. After an exchange of the usual compliments, the whole party proceeded through the famous Arch of the Viceroys to the Convent of Bom Jesus where lies the body of St. Francis Xavier. Thence they went to the Convent of Sta. Monica and saw the ruins of the Convent of St. Augustin. A visit was also paid to the Convents of St. Francis d'Assisi, and St. Cajetan where they inspected the archeological museum and the gallery of the Viceroys. The Cathedral was not forgotten and after visiting all the important historical places, they returned to the Convent of Bom Jesus where lunch was served. Here again the distinguished visitors inspected the Sacred museum in which several curiosities and historical relics of the past are exhibited. Lord Lamington appeared to take deep interest in all that he saw at Old Goa and was much pleased with the Canons who furnished his Excellency the requisite information. Mr. Osorio deCastro, who is well versed in archæological matters, acted as his Excellency's cicerone. The party returned in carriages at about 4-30 p.m. to the "Cabo" the summer residence of the Portuguese Governor-General, via Ribandar and Panjim and arrived there at 5-30 p.m. being received by a distinguished Portuguese assemblage, consisting of ladies and gentlemen who were invited by H. E. Col. Novaes to an open air tea party in honour of the illustrious guest. The function was a complete success and both guests and hosts passed a highly enjoyable evening. At night there was a dinner to which a very restricted number was invited and in the course of the same H. E Col. Novaes gave the toast of his Majesty the King-Emperor Lord Lamington giving that of his Majesty the King of Portugal. Both the toasts were drunk with full honours. During the whole evening the excellent Military Band was in attendance. Lord Lamington, accompanied by his Staff, left the Cabo at about 10-30 p.m. arriving at Panjim at 11 p.m. embarked on a steam launch and were conveyed to the Dufferin which after receiving the party on board, weighed anchor. Although the visit was an unofficial one, it nevertheless evoked a good deal of enthusiasm on the part of the people and, had his Excellency made up his mind to stay a little longer, he would have doubtless been the recipient of further popular ovations.

The President of the Gremio Portuguez has received the following telegram from the A. D. C. to His Excellency the Governor-General of Goa in reply to the message of Welcome sent by the Gremio to His Excellency Lord Lamington while at Goa:—

"His Excellency the Governor General desires me to inform you that your telegram was read by His Excellency Lord Lamington who thanks you for the same."

BRIDGE GAMBLING GOING OFF.

REVIVAL OF PATIENCE.

As a result of strong feeling among bridge players (says the "Daily Express") the stakes on the game have been greatly lowered. For some time after the introduction of bridge into England, £3,000 used to be won and lost every year at one of the premier clubs. The winners were always the half-dozen best players in the club, and as soon as the losers realised this, they quite naturally objected to contribute so handsomely to the skill of the winners.

Almack's, where the points are 10s. per 100, and the New Bridge Club, where the points are 2s 6d. per 100 are flourishing exceedingly. At the Portland Club, which is practically the headquarters of bridge, the points were originally £5 a hundred and £5 on the rubber, and at the Turf Club not so long ago bridge was occasionally played for two shilling points, or, £10 per hundered, and £10 on the rubber. Recently, at the Portland, the points have been reduced to 10s. per hundred, and £5 per hundred is now the maximum at the Turf. Where bridge is really increasing and multiplying is in the country, where it is played in nearly every private house for quite moderate stakes—generally ten pence a hundred.

The popularity of bridge is threatened by

A REVIVAL OF PATIENCE.

In many of the card clubs of London patience, which was once regarded merely as the solace of old maids' declining years, now has a regular following, and has developed attractions for some of the most accomplished card-players in the country.

There are about 300 forms of the game, but as a medium for gambling the most popular variation is the Demon. When this variation is adopted two players play the game alternately, each staking either that the other will not get the game to come out or upon the number of cards each gets out.

Patience, however, is largely played without any reference to gambling. Many bridge-players, and especially women make a point of testing their luck at a solitary game, of patience before embarking on a rubber of bridge. If the patience comes out, it is a sign that they will hold no trumpers at bridge; if it fails to come out, spade hands are indicated, and bridge is eschewed for that particular day.

Patience, by the way, has a literature almost as extensive as chess. Dozens of books have been published on the game, and, as every year new variations are invented, the number is likely to be increased. At present the finest collection of patience editions is to be found in the Duke of Newcastle's library at Clumber.

THE precedence now accorded to the Prime Minister reminds the "Chronicle" of a banquet at which Disraeli was present. After the dinner, at which a line of particularly illustrious nobodies preceded the premier from the dinning-room, he took the arm of his neighbour, and, pointing to the backs of the retreating dukes and marquesses, said drily, "Next week I shall be making some of those."

THE profession of a model is becoming a mores important one every day in New York. In it a woman can earn enough to live in comfort, for she can make a hundred and thirty-five francs a week. Those who adopt the profession have now a special club to which is attached an employment bureau. After their day's work, the young woman have a right to tea, to a rest in the rooms, book and papers being placed at their disposal.

ART, MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

English Masterpieces sold in Paris.

THE COWEN-EDGAR CONTROVERSY.

OLD PROGRAMME MUSIC.

LONDON, DEC. 15.

The "Parisian" event of the week was the sale of the Cronier art collection at the Galerie Georges Petit. The crowd of would-be purchasers or the merely curious was so great that all could not enter the auction-room, but stood in a compact squad along the pavements of the Rue de Sezo. It is to be feared that, in their zeal to limit over-crowding, the police prevented many having a serious intention to buy from entering, in favour of the early bird who is merely attracted by a free spectacle. At the last important sale, the auctioneer himself was excluded until he had managed, with much impressive eloquence, to convince authority of the quality of his office. M. Cronier, whose artistic treasures were dispersed, was involved in the recent crash on the sugar market. He held the position of manager of the Say Refineries. Overwhelmed by his financial losses, he blew out his brains. Another great Paris personality, M. Jaluzot, principal proprietor of the great dry goods warehouse, the Printemps, and also the most considerable shareholder in the evening newspapers, the "Presse" and the "Patrie," was likewise a victim of the sugar "slump," and lost his entire fortune. As a consequence, his gallery of pictures were disposed of by auction last week. Though important in its way, it presented nothing like the interest of the Cronier collection.

Never of recent years have pictures of such value belonging to the French and English eighteenth century schools come into the Paris market. Gainsborough is represented by a portrait, presumed to be that of Sir John Campbell; a study for the famous Squire Hallet and his Wife and Meditation, a delightful figure of a young girl in a toilette of yellow silk. There is a portrait of Miss Day, by Sir Thomas Lawrence, and an admirable Sir Joshua in the figure of a man in green uniform. Lady Stanhope is a brilliant sketch for a portrait in the Reynolds manner. The Young Dairymaid is Romney's portrait of Emma Hart, later Lady Hamilton. Emily, Duchess of Leinster is also by Romney, and comes from the Wilkins collection. A picture in the French school to make a sensation is Watteau's Lovers Asleep. It is a little masterpiece in colour and composition. Le Billet Doux is delicious example of the master, a perfect evocation of beauty and youth. Of the later painters there is Fragonard, whose genius and perfect freedom from conventionality stand revealed in La Lisonja. No very important bibelots are included in this sale, but some of the choicest tapestries of the Gobelins and of Beauvais were submitted to public judgment. Evidently a man of great taste, M. Cronier.

Some days ago Dr. Cowen forwarded to Sir Edward Edgar a newspapar cutting, in which reference was made to certain alleged remarks of the Birmingham professor on the subject of English conductors and singers. Sir Edward replied to his friend in a letter expressly made open to publication. Having characterised the cutting as "absurd," Sir Edward goes on to say with regard to Dr. Cowen himself: "In my letter I made a special, wholly friendly, and laudatory reference to you and the splendid work you do in London, Liverpool, and Glasgow." The writer adds, touching his allusion to Mr. Henry J. Wood: "My reference to Henry Wood was to the effect that we had only found work for one conductor—a conductor who did nothing but conduct—this with a view to point out a possible opening for young men in the future, if music proceeds to grow as it has done. The telegrafic reports on my lecture are, as far as I know, wholly misleading. It is manifestly important, in order to remove misapprehension, that a faithful report of Sir Edward's lectures should appear as soon as may be, and we are glad to know that arrangements to that end are in progress.

But seldom, unfortunately, are opportunities vouchsafed for the production of operas from the pens of our young composers. Therefore, it is all the more agreeable to be able to announce that a new opera by Mr. Nicholas Gatty is to be brought forward by the Moody-Manners organisation at Sheffield in February next. The work, wich is in one act, is entitled Grey-steel; or, the Bearsarks come to Surnadale. The libretto, written by the composer's brother, Mr. R. Gatty, lector in English at the Prague University, is founded on the opening of the Icelandic Saga Gisli the Soursop, translated by Sir George Dasent. It will be remembered that Mr. Gatty's setting of Milton's Ode on Time, was successfully produced at the recent Sheffield Festival. The composer is son of the Rev. Reginale Gatty, a Yorkshire rector, and his uncle is Sir Alfred Scott-Gatty, Garter Principal King of Arms, who has achieved no little success as a composer.

This is the season when the fall-blooded London music-hall begins to weaken and the third-rate performers have the privilege to see their names appear on the bills in letters of unusual size. Britain is now settling down to the only dramatic activity it really gives its heart to—the art of pantomime. But in the newer music-hall of a more domestic shade this makes no difference. It is the red-nosed comic man, the dashing serio-comedienne"—there are only a few of those bouncing Rosalinds left to us now,—the Seven Sisters So-and-so, and "inimitable knock-abouts" that are wanted—not the performing seals, nor the ballad-singer, nor the pierrots, nor the revolving stage, nor the singers who appear in scenas or selections from grand opera; and these are what you find stronger than ever at the Palace Theatre and the Coliseum. In the latter you see best the tendency of this popular form of entertainment, which contains the most expensive but least racy things from the circus on one side and the music-hall on the other. The scene from "La Fille de Madame Angot" and another from "Cavalleria Rusticana" (in which Madam Esty appears) doubtless introduce these works to the admiration of a new class of people, and it was very obvious that Mr. Bernard Beere's recitation of Bulwer Lytton's "high falutin" poem "The Portrait" seemed like a foreign language to many. The management are still in difficulties about their elaborate revolving stage. The latest solution takes the form of a small drama in two scenes, one showing a Christian maiden being saved from the lions by a stout Roman youth who dares to enter the chariot-race for her sake, her life being the prize, and the second shows him winning it. The actor gives his part with full Wilson Barrett rhetoric, but as the chariots are set on little platforms in the revolving channels and are stationary though the horses move their legs the the second act does not prove quite satisfying to our excited fancy. At the Palace (where we had the satisfaction to see a member of the late Ministry enjoying possibly the first night his country had not claimed for years) the brain-power of the entertainment is at a very low pressure until the Follies come on the stage, when there is a real piece of comic invention in which the comic opera and the German opera are parodied with a light and witty touch worthy of Paris itself.

Miss Grace Sunderland and Mr. Frank Thistelton, at their third chamber concert of old music, at Messrs. Broadwood's the other afternoon, included an interesting example of programme music by Francois Couperin. This composer, who died in 1733, was the most gifted member of a family of illustrious French composers, and had a predilection for giving descriptive names to his pieces, and for associating his music with definite ideas. Two of his most pronounced efforts in this direction are severally named "Le Parnassee ou l'Apotheose de Corelli and L'Apotheose de l'Incomparable Lulli" the former a trio sonata, and the latter a quartet for two violins, violoncello, and clavier. Referring to the second work performed the other day, Couperin has left on record that it was intended to be a homage to the memory of the immortal Lulli, rather than a harmonious panegyric. The composition consists of sixteen movements, each headed with a sentence explaining Couperin's intentions. The first, intended to be played gravement, represents Lulli at the

Champs Elysees discussing with the lyrical shadows. To this succeeds Gracieusement, a melody to the lyrical shadows. A quick short passage is headed. The Flight of Mercury to the Champs Elysees to give warning that Apollo is about to descend. Then we have "The Deacent of Apollo," who comes to offer his violin to Lulli, and a place on Parnassus, Apollo being represented by a violin solo directed to be played noblement.

An effective contrast to this is afforded by Subterranean rumblings caused by Lulli's contemporary composers, expressed by rapid mutterings for the lowest tones of the strings. The next section is headed "Complaints of the contemporary composers, suggested by querulous passages high in the scale, which the players are told to give out "dolemment et tres lie." A few bars of bustling character represent the carrying off of Lulli to Parnassus, and lead into a large setting forth the enthusiastic welcome given to Lulli on his arrival by Corelli and the Italian Muses; Gracieusement, Lulli expresses his thanks to Appollo; and "Elegamment et sans lenteur," Appollo persuades Lulli and Corelli that the union of the Italian and French tastes must bring perfection in music. The next two sections are respectively headed Lulli then plays a solo to Corelli's accompaniment, Corelli then plays a sold to Lulli's accompaniment. Reconciliation being thus effected, there ensues a movement indicating.

"The peace of Parnassus, which is made perfect through the union of the Italian and French Muses;" and the work concludes with three short numbers illustrating the sublime harmony and joy produced on Parnassus through the union of the Italian and French tastes. The native music was well rendered by Messrs. F. Thistleton, F. Underhill, and Ivor James, and Miss Sunderland, but the last named artist should have played on a harpsichord instead of pianoforte, and this remark applies to the renderings of the other works on the programme, for not only is the tone of the modern grand utterly different in quality from that of the harpsichord, for which the music was written, but it does not possess the distinct varieties of timbre of the older instrument. The introduction also of a few songs of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries would materially add to the attractiveness of these well-intentioned recitals.

Miss Vane Featherston's afternoon tea-party at Queen's Hall is always a popular entry in the diary of the dramatic and musical profession. This year the gathering proved no exception to the rule, and Mrs. C. L. Carton's Theatrical Christmas Dinner Fund will, as of yore, benefit handsomely by the Langham-place function. A modification of arrangements was introduced on the present occasion. Hitherto this pleasant re-union has extended over both afternoon and evening. This time it was confined to the earlier period, for the sufficiently obvious reason that the evening hours are less convenient to the artists who so willingly share in the task of entertainment. This concentration of the proceedings happily served only to enhance their established features. The Queen's Hall was thronged by a very representative company of the ladies of the stage and of the concert platform, and Miss Vane Featherston found, as usual, a host of energetic helpers in her efforts to stimulate the social and the charitable instincts of the delighted guests.

THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, JAN. 2.

Light drizzlilgg rain occurred at Bhamo, Saugor Island, Calcutta, Cuttack, Gopalpur and Dibrugarh. The weather is clear all over North-Western, Western and Central India with temperatures between five and twelve degrees below normal, while around the head of the Bay the sky is cloudy to overcast, and the heat greater than usual. A small area of disturbed weather is developing over the North-West angle of the Bay, and thunder showers appear probable over Orissa and Deltaic Bengal. Ordinary cold weather conditions and the fine weather will prevail elsewhere with an increase of temperature in the North-West.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 1st JANUARY.

Mooltan.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable. Mornings cold and dewy. Weather and rapeseed larger area sown this year. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Delhi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Agra.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Cawnpore.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Benawar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton arriving in small quantities.

Amraoti.—Seasonable Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Dhulia.—Dewfall insufficient. Crop prospects generally good.

Broach.—Bright, fair; cold nights. Cotton picking general and arrivals increasing. Crop prospects generally good.

Viramgaon.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton plants showing bolls.

Wadhwan.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants flourishing and showing bolls. Present weather may improve cotton yields slightly. Cotton crop excellent and arrival expected early.

Sholapur.—All crops suffering from too little rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Bellary.—Mornings cold and dewy. Absence of rain causes anxiety.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON TUESDAY, THE 2ND JAN.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has changed irregularly and by small amounts over nearly the whole area.

Winds continue to be very variable in direction and the force has been moderate to light.

Temperature.—The variations of the maximum and minimum show a defect of from 5° to 15° in several places. The highest temperature in the shade was 93° at Bellary and Cuddapah and the lowest 33° at Sirsa.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is half or a little more than half cloudy at Mormugoa, Cochin, Bangalore, Masulipacam and Coimbatore.

Rain.—Nil.

Weather is generally fine.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

THE OPIUM REVENUE.

The following is the Opium Revenue to date compared are with the Estimates for the year 1905-1906 :—

Latest Month.

Presidency.	Estimate.	Actual.	Better than Estimate.	Worse than Estimate.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
In November 1905— Bengal	56,00,000	55,72,100	....	27,900
In October 1905— Bombay	13,00,000	8,20,500	.....	4,79,500
Total	69,00,000	63,92,600	....	5,07,400

2 Sales of Bengal opium and 2 months' pass duty in opium exported from Bombay :—

Presidency.	Estimate.	Actual.	Better than Estimate.	Worse than Estimate.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
To end of November 1905— Bengal	4,48,00,000	4,73,15,510	25,15,510	.....
To end of October 1905— Bombay	72,00,000	53,97,000	.....	18,03,000
Total	5,20,00,000	5,27,12,510	7,12,510	....

COL. MONTAGUE CHARLES BROWNING, C.B., late lieutenant-colonel and honorary colonel 3rd (Militia) batt. Suffolk Regt., died on Saturday, Dec. 9, at his residence, Brontham Court, Manningtree, Essex, at the age of 66. Col. Browning served in the Crimea, at the siege and fall of Sebastopol, and the attack of Sept. 8; and, during the Indian Mutiny, as Staff officer to a field force at the attack on the Taringha Hills; and the attack and capture of Mondetti. When he retired from the Militia in 1897, after many years' service, he received the Companionship of the Bath. Col. Browning married, in 1862, Fanny Alice, daughter of the Rev. E. Hogg.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY IN PENGAL.

EUROPEANS ARRESTED.

A ROBBERY of an exceptionally daring character of Rs. 340 in currency notes and a valuable gold watch and chain, the property of a Mahomedan named Ahmed Shariff Moolabhoy, a dealer in old ship-iron at Bombay, by a gang of European sharpers, has been successfully traced by Inspector Hamilton of the Waterloo thana, assisted by the Calcutta Detective Department. Four of the principal accused who are now in custody are W. Jordan, an electrical engineer by profession, who is out of employement at present and who has recently filed his petition of insolvency in the High Court, Syd White, a jockey, well known on the Calcutta race course, Marcus Limmons, an ex-soldier of the 12th Royal Lancers, who has lately come from South Africa, and Syd Cohan, also of South Africa.

The facts of the case are briefly these. The complainant had lately arrived from Bombay to attend the Calcutta races. On his way home from the races on the evenining of the 26th ultimo, he got into a tramcar where he entered into conversation with Jordan and Cohan, who managed to learn that he had in his possession currency notes of the value of Rs. 340. On the car reaching Esplande Junction, Jordan and Cohan induced the complainant to accompany them to the Cosmopolitan Hotel where the trio indulged in a few drinks. Cohan then left the hotel on the plea that he was going to change his hat. Shortly after he returned accompanied by Simmons, who, after being treated to a couple of drinks, left the hotel. Soon after the complainant, Jordan, and Cohan emerged from the hotel and got into a passing ticca gharry, being joined at this stage by White.

The three Europeans having had a private conversation among themselves, proposed to drop complainant home. On reaching the Lall Bazar and Bentinck Street, crossing, the complainant suddenly found himself held down inside the gharry by his three European companions. Jordon then removed his watch and chain, while Cohan thrust his hand into his pocket and took out the bundle of currency notes. The gharry driver, at the request of the complainant, stopped the gharry, when Jordan told Cohan to run away, saying that he had secured the gold watch and chain. Cohan instantly disappeared, but the complainant pluckily held on to Jordan and White, both of whom struggled for all they were worth to effect their escape.

Meanwhile the gharry driver sent information to the nearest policeman, when Sergeant Cheswick hastened to the scene, where on arrival he arrested the two accused. Jordan, on the approach of the Police Officer, threw the watch and chain on the back seat of the gharry.

Subsequently the complanant preferred a charge of theft against Jordan, White, and Cohan at the Waterloo thana, when Inspector Hamilton took up the inquiry. In consequence of certain information given by Jordan and White, Inspector Hamilton proceeded to the Victoria Circus and arrested Cohan, who denied the charge, stating that he was an Australian bookmaker, and behaved in a boisterous manner.

Cohan afterwards made a statement, upon which Inspector Hamilton, at 2 a. m. on the 27th, proceeded to No. 11-1, Lindsay Street, and arrested Simmons, who emphatically denied all knledge of the affair. He also stated that he was a bookmaker and could commend £1,000 at a moment's call. From information given afterwards by him the police recovered the whole of the stolen money which had been left in the custody of a European woman. Cohan, it would appear, after getting possession of the money, met Simmon in Waterloo Street, and made it over to him for safe custody, telling him the circumstances under which he had obtained it.

As a result of further inquries in this case, one Louis Gootschalk has been arrested. Gotschalk, who also comes from South Africa, seems to have defrauded the firm of Messrs. John Blees and Co., of Chowringhee in respect of a camera valued at Rs. 260, which he obtained under fraudulent representations. The camera was subsequently pledged by the accused for Rs. 50 at the Bengal Loan Office. Another European, named Jas. Bellamy, belonging to the above gang, was found in possession of Rs. 90 and 25 sovereigns and a massive gold chain with a £2 charm attachement. As he could not give a satisfactory account as to how he came in possession of these articles, he was arrested.

The police are on the track of other men connected with the present gang. The accused will be duly placed on their trial at the Calcutta Police Court.

In the course of the police inquiry Mr. Harding, bookmaker, stated that on the night of the 20th two Europeans called on him at the Great Eastern Hotel and presented a bogus betting ticket for Rs. 80 in the name of the Horse Our State winding up with a demand for immediate payment of the claim. Mr. Harding detecting the fraud, refused payment, whereupon the two men went away saying in a threatening manner that they would meet him again next day. Mr. Harding afterwards identified one of the accused as one of the men who visited him.

A SKETCH OF MR. BURNS.

MUCH the most interesting member of the Cabinet to the average man is the President of the Local Government Board. Mr. Burns is a strong man in both senses. Mr. Lucy has described him as perhaps the most influential private member in the House. He is also one of the strongest physically. In the famous free fight of 1893 Mr. Burns distinguished himself as a peacemaker by carrying on infuriated combatants bodily out of the "melee." When Mr. Wallace was suddenly seized with a fatal illness in the middle of a speech, Mr. Burns took him in his arms and carried him out of the House. A fellow-engineer who was with Mr. Burns in West Africa, where he went as a foreman engineer on completing his apprenticeship, has related some characteristic anecdotes. This friend was once chased out of the boiler-shed at Akassa by a large snake. I took to my heels, but I was soon arrested in my inglorious flight by the derisive laughter of a fellow-engineer, who picked up a shovel and chased the serpent that was chasing me, and with one well-aimed blow cut it in two That daring engineer was John Burns."

Another West African adventure of Mr. Burns is related as follows by the same colleague:—"One day he and I were returning from Brass river through the creeks in the steam launch. The blades of the propeller worked loose, and fell off. The situation was alarming, as we were near a small village inhabited by cannibals, while the creek was teeming with sharks and reptiles. The bottom of the creek was composed of soft, stinking mud and decayed vegetable matter, so we had but faint hopes of finding either of the blades. I proposed testing my skill as a diver, but Mr Burns would not hear of it. 'No,' said he, 'you are married and I am single. If either of us risks his life, I'm the man,' and, immediately stripping, he plunged in." Burns found one blade after spending five hours diving among the sharks. This enabled them to reach Akassa, late and hungry but in safety. And Mr. Burns, with the appetite of an Homeric hero, ate the entire leg of a goat.

CECIL RHODES'S TOMB DISFIGURED.

PROFOUND indignation was felt throughout Rhodesia when it became known that the tomb of Cecil Rhodes in the Matoppo Hills had been disfigured. Thoughtless or irreverent vistors have, in several instances carved their initials on the stone which marks the grave of Rhodesia's founder, and these symbols of desecration have not even the merit of being artistic. Moreover, there is ample evidence that the same, or other, offenders have used the stone as a table for luncheon purposes! Even the natives, who regarded the late Mr. Rhodes as their "Great White Father," join in denouncing what is generally viewed as an outrage. There is a unanimous feeling that the guilty parties, if it be possible to trace them, should be punished by being held up to public opprobrium. At present there is no law under which the culprits can be criminally prosecuted, and it is, therefore, proposed that the Legislative Council shall be asked to pass a special ordinance dealing with such offences.

HOME REMITTANCES.

The Treasury Calcutta, 28th Nov 1905.

The weekly Memorandum of Remittances to the Home Treasury by means of Council Bills :—

1	Amount to be remitted during 1905-06	£16,500,000
2	Remitted from 1st April 1905 to 18th Nov. 1905 by Council Bills	£14,987,194
	By Gold	Nil
3	Balance to be remitted from 19th Nov. 1905 to 31st March 1906	£ 1,512,806

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HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

The opening session of the new Parliament will coincide with the centenary of the first session of the Parliament of 1806. On the death of Pitt (January 23) Lord Granville was called upon to form the Ministry. Office was accepted by—amongst others—Fox, Spencer, Erskine, Addington, Grey, and Sheridan, and the Government of "All the Talents." At first intended as a compliment, it was eventually used by the members of the Opposition in ridicule, a proposal to include the Chief Justice of the King's Bench in the Cabinet failing to succeed. It was in every sense a coutrast to the Ministry formed by Addington three years previous, of which it is related that "a certain noble lord, hearing the names of the members after its formation, rubbed his hands with an evident sense of relief and said, 'Well, thank God, we have at last got a Ministry without one of the confounded men of genius in it,'"

The truth that in poetry lies the real strength of every nation is quietly recognised among the Japanese, says "The Academy," and celebrated in their schools is simply the cultivation of the flower of beauty which exists in every mind.

"King Dick" Seddon's country can establish records in other things as well as football. This week's mail brings news that the Salvation Army "Self Dental Week" in New Zeland realised £9,292, which is a world's record in proportion to population.

The Headmaster of Eton lately deplored the preference of the ephemeral to the classifical. This is the opposite view, says The Academy, to that of the American who declined to adopt the profession of letters on the ground that it was a business with too many dead people in it.

It is very interesting to note how golfers, when they are gathered together in convivial entertainments, seek to enshrine their golfing memories either in song or in poetry (writes A. J. Robertson in the King.) Scarcely a club dinner takes place without one or two members dropping into the lyrical mood. At the recent dinner of the Leeds Golf Club, presided over by Mr. W. H. Jarvis, the president, two golfing songs were sung which belonged to this category of reminiscent enjoyment. Mr. Earnest Turner, in singing the song entitled Good Company, added this verse:—

Charlotte-street, Portland-place, which has just been renamed Hallam street, to distiguish it from the neighbouring Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, can boast of associations with various celebrities. Dante Gabriel Rossetti was born at No. 38, and here, at the age of four, he drew his first picture (subject his rocking horse), and at the mature age of five wrote his first poem, the Slave, which consisted of three scenes in two acts, and as his brother, W. M. has told us, filled nine small pages of large writting, and begins by imitating print, but goes on into an ordinary (very childish) cursive hands, the London County Council has recently decided to place a tablet on this house. Other notable residents in the street include John O'Keeffe the blind dramatist, who wrote Tony Lumpkin and Wild Oats, and the famous song, I am a Friar of Orders Grey Samuel Rogers, the poet, who was lodging at No. 93 in 1799; and Sir James Makintosh, the philosopher and historian, who dwelt for aptime at No. 21. The new name, Hallam-street, is intended to commemorate the fact that Henry Hallam, the historian, lived for twenty years in the neighbouring Wimpole-street.

The revision of the Poor Law has evidently suggested to many Continental journalists that pauperism offers all insuperable difficulty in Great Britain but if they were to investigate the thing thoroughly says Country Life, they would probably find this to be a mistake. The truth is that we have been in the habit of bestowing more care upon the poor than in the case in any of the Continental countries Another point is that we make no concealment of the fact of there being poverty in our midst but on the contrary welcome every revelation of it nor can there be any doubt of this being the healthier way of proceeding. Even the nominal increase in the number of paupers is in a measrie due to our solicitude for the poor. The more generous the help that is given the larger must be the number therefore the comparison between Great Britain and any other country cannot be properly instituted with the poor relief figures as a basis.

The Maori or native members of the New Zealand Parliament are tremendous talkers. One of them Mr. Kaihau, has had a paralytic seizure after delivering an energetic oration on the Native Lands Bill, and was in a critical condition when the mail was leaving. Some year ago a Maori M.P., Mr. Sydney Taiwhanga, visited London and spoke in Exeter Hall. He was the record-holder of the New Zealand Parliament, having on one occasion monopolised the Speaker's eye for a stretch of nine hours. Maori M.P.s have the rights to address the House in their own language, and interpreters are provided to translate their remarks into English for the information of M.P.s unacquainted with the Maori tongue. Mr. Seddon's Minister for Native Affairs, the Hon. James Carroll, is the son of an Irish father and a Maori mother. He is a highly-cultured gentleman, speaking English as fluently as Maori.

Many people will remember the disappearance some four or five years ago of a pelican form Kew Gardens, and the subsequent report that the bird had been shot at Brightling a little village in East Sussex, by a gamekeeper A similar incident has just occurred at Little Eaton near Derby and the unfortunate creature is in the hands of the taxidermist for preservation. The irony of the latter expression is only too evident and it is really time that stringent measures were taken against those ignorant persons who directly they see an uncommon bird must needs shoot it. It is a little hard that owners of ornamental waters who endeavour to carry on the somewhat expensive hobby of keeping uncommon or foreign birds should be entirely at the mercy of every thoughtless gunner.

What is supposed to be the first and only recorded instance of the Dusky Trush (Turdus dubius), a native of Asia, is reported from Gunthorpe, in Nottinghamshire. The bird closely resembles the fieldfare in point of size, and its note is also somewhat similar, though sharper and louder. In Europe the Dusky Trush is of rare occurrence, having only been noted occasionally in Italy, Norway, Belgium, and Germany, and it appearnce in the British Isles is doubtless due to its having been taken out of its usual haunts by a succession of adverse winds which have brought it many miles to the west of its usual migratory course. The bird is found in most countries of Asia, and at certain seasons traverses the greater part of that continent.

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Aproximate return of traffic for week ended 2rd Dec. 1905, on 504·35 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (estimated.)	Total Earnings
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	1,40,000	2,40,000	4,000	2,89,000
Or per mile of Railway	277	476	8	573
For previous 15 weeks of half-year	26,31,106	36,36,220	38,292	41,81,899
Total for 16 weeks.	27,64,101	38,76,504	42,292	44,70,899
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,54,355	2,14,917	939	3,40,633
Per mile or Ry. do.	3·6	423	2	675
Total to corresponding date do.	25,72,059	25,30,331	56,705	43,63,714

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

The following is the comparative statement of Traffic earnings for week ending 11th November 1905.

	Coaching Traffic.	Goods Traffic.	Sundry Receipts.	Total for the week.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Approximate earnings for week ending 11th Nov. 1905— G I P Ry system.	3,39,053	5,81,269	4,071	9,24,393
I M R do	69,271	1,24,853	777	1,94,900
Total	4,08,324	7,06,121	4,848	11,19,292
Actuals for corresponding week ending 12th Nov. 1904— G I P R system.	2,13,271	4,49,933	5,038	6,68,265
I M R do	84,106	98,222	640	1,72,968
Total	2,67,377	5,38,160	5,686	8,41,237
Increase or (G I P R	+1,35,782	+1,31,231	— 965	+ 2,66,128
Decrease... (I M R	—14,835	+ 56,631	— 137	+ 21,932

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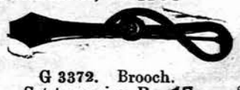
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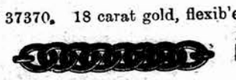
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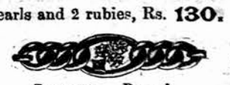
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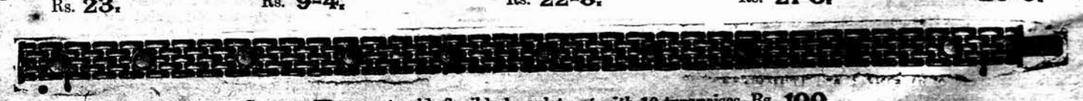
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Messers. Smith, Elder have won their case again. Mr. Dent in the copyright action about Lamb's letters to the Lloyds. The desision is so far favourable to the literary interest of the public that it seems to discountenance the vote upon publication of unpublished letters of literary interest by the assignees of the author's representatives to the third and fourth generation. Mr. Scrutton, for the plaintiff, argued, as I ventured to contend some month ago in this column with reference to sender of the letter and his representatives to prevent the receiver from publishing, it was a personal right founded on reach of confidence, and was not founded on property. The learned judge did not dride this point, as in his view of the the case it was unnecessary to do so; but he contented himself with saying that he did not understand what title Mr. Dent could claim through the administrator of Charles Lamb.

Ibsen once warned Bjornson not to sacrifice his creative genius to the practical distractions of theatre-director. For a poet he wrote, the toil of a theatre is equivalent to a daily fœticide. The civil laws make this a punishable crime; I do not know if God is more lenient. Think it over, dear Bjornson. A man's gifts are not a property; they are a duty. What will the Incorporated Society of Authors say to this retorgrade oraclet Ibsen, however like a sensible man, was keen enough about his copyright., and trounced a practical publisher in a way Besant could not have beitered. It is worth observing that what Ibsen said in warning Bjornson was precisely what Wagner urged in self-defence for giving up the distracting business of concert directing. The world lectured and scoffed at Wagner, but is glad enough now for the music that resultsd.

Enlish authors may well be tempted to envy their Scandinavian brethern their pleasent privilege of Government travelling allowances. A considerable number of the letters in Ibsen's correspondence are petitions on be half of Ibsen himself and other writers for pensions to enable them to travel abroad and enlarge their minds. Ibsen left Norway with a travelling allowance in 1864, when he was thirty-six, and he did not return to Norway till 1891. He wrote unkindly from Sorrentu to his mother-in-law, who was also an author, but who failed to get a travelling pension, that the small surroundings of Norway were wearisome to him, and that the accursed thing about small surroundings was that they made the soul small.

So Mr. George Moore has already wearied of Ireland and has returned to the bosom of this abandoned London. The island where ministers of religion have a monomnl about purity and interfere with the young people's love making is no place for a realistic novelist. Not by the way, that Mr. Moore's stories grew more realistic as the become better written. The in reviewer asked if the literary revival did not reconcile Mr. Moore to Ireland. There is no literary revival, retorted Mr. Moore, crashingly. There is only one man, Mr. Synge, and he has written only one beautiful play. I an Englishman said this ? and how about Mr. W. B Yeast. Happily Mr. Moore had not to swim the Irish Sea, leaving his clothes on the farther shore, like his here In The Lake, in order to make another fresh start.

Aristotle said long ago that one ought to prefer truth to one's friends. This tonic if unamiable doctrine was preached practically by Ibsen. When he wrote to Brandes, a man stands as you do in intimately personal relationship to his life-work he cannot really expect to keep his friends. Friends are an expensive luxury. The costliness of keeping friends does not lie in what one does for them, but in what one, out of consideration for them refrains from doing. No doubt he had in mind the offence Bjornson had just taken over Ibsen's play. The League of Youth though Ibsen protested that Bjornson must surely see that it was not himself that was aimed at, but his pernicious and liesteeped clique. This, let it be remembered, was but a temporary estrangement in a friendship that must remain immortal as one of the historic literary friendships of the world.

The year just passed has been by an unusual number of commemorations of literary anniversaries. Dec. 11 was the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Samuel Rogers, who died at the ripe age of ninety-two on December 18, 1855. Rogers's reputation is kept alive by Turners and Stopdarts illustrations of his poems and by the gossip about his famous breakfast parties and his sharp sayings. Rogers said he had a week voice, and unless he said ill-natured things nobody heard him. He had, however, the proverbial good heart that is said (too often falsely) to go with the rough tongue. He was the generous dispenser of private benefactions. And it is the amiable Rogers, as it is the amiable Carlyle, that we have all been reading about lately in the delightful chronicles of "Mrs. Brookfield and Her Circle." Roger's published "Table Talk" is the authority for many famous anecdotes as for instance Sheridans witty substitution of "voluminous" for "luminous" as a description of Gibbon, and Canning's trechant remark about dry champagne.

One of the more important historical enterprises of the year has been the launching by Messrs. Longmans of the "The Political History of England," under the editorship of the Rev. William Hunt. Three volumes have been published so far—the editor's volume, from the Accession of George the Third to the close of Pittes First Administration; Professor Adams's, from the Norman Conquest to the death of John; and Professor Toutts from the accession of Henry the Third, to the death of Edward the Third. Volume I. is promised for next month. This will be by Dr. Thomas Hodgkin, and will bring the history up to the Norman Conquest.

In Le Suicide de Pierre Lagrique M. Jean Jullien tells us how a young poet, whose head has been turned by injudicious newspaper praise, but who finds that his stomach can be filled only by playing ghost to arrived men of letters, determines on suicide in an original way. Some years before, the murder of the banker Hurelle, whose corpse was pitched out of a train near the Plaine St. Denies in circumstances recalling the Merstam Tunnel mystery, had startled all Paris, and as with the last named crime, no one had been brought to justice. Pierre, who knows his world vociferates in a Montmartre far where several reporters are gathered together, that the banker had only been murdered for the sake of the money in his pocket, and the trouble begins. Several papers announce at once that the Hurelle affair will soon be reopened, and Pierre himself is summoned before a judge of instruction to explain what he meant by his assertion. As he naturally cannot give the true explanation he is committed to prison as the long sought for criminal, and the tags and tail-ends of plots which are found in his desk are twisted into proof against him. Both his real and assumed indignation only serve to exasperate both judge and jury, and although his advocate works hard for extenuating circumstances on the ground that he is slightly cracked he is condemned to the guillotine. In the condemned cell the prospect of death seems a great deal less rose coloured than his fancy hand painted it, and his only consolation is the bouquet sent him every day by an unknown admirer. At length the murder is out. A rich stockbroker, who in former years has ordered verses from him, confesses that it is him and Pirerre who took of Hurelle for motives which turn the crime into a kind of savage justice; Pierre is released, and marries the donor of the bouquets who turns out to be the millionaire widow of a Chicago pork-packer. In abandoning Parnasus for the transatlantic pork-yard his literary friends tell him that he has indeed committed suicide; but he retorts that, with his experience, he finds this the more comfortable way of doing it. The story, which is very witttily written, is a biting satire at once upon French criminal justice and on the seamy side of the profession of letters.

The late meetings for promoting a better understanding with Germany seem admirably adapted, if not for attaining that most praiseworthy purpose, at any rate for lulling to sleep the suspicions of English folk until it is too late to take precautions. Meantime their promoters' attention might be directed to an article by M. Ansiaux, one of the Professors of the University of Brussels, entitled Le Penetration Allemande en Belgique, M Ansiaux shows by irrefragable proofs how the German Empire, like an octopus, has extended its tentacles over the whole of Belgium until there is hardly a corner where the influence of German capital and the pressure of German-fed competition is not felt. At Antwerp especially, nearly all the banks are more or less German, and at Brussels the Banque Internationale has just been started with a capital of 25 millions subscribed for by German banks. The Liege arm-factories are being handed over bodily to German owners, so is the production of electric light, while the favourable terms accorded to Belgium by the treaty between her and Germany has already brought about an agitation for the entry of Belgium into the German Zollverein. It is easy to see what this means, and if some day, when a Radical Ministry is here in power, we are told that Germany has annexed Antwerp, already the second port in Europe, for the accommodation of her new fleet, we may wake up. But will it not then be too late?

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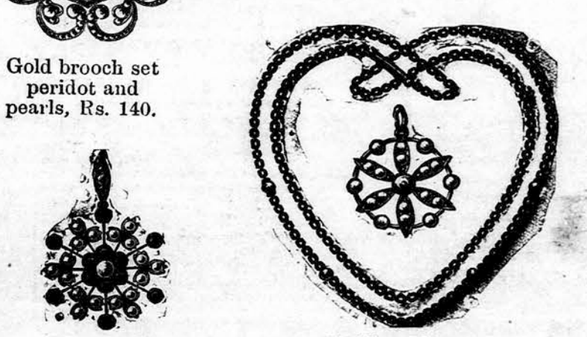

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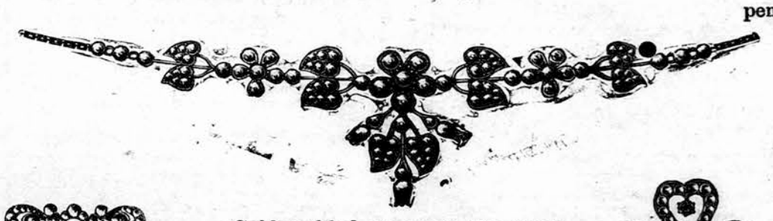

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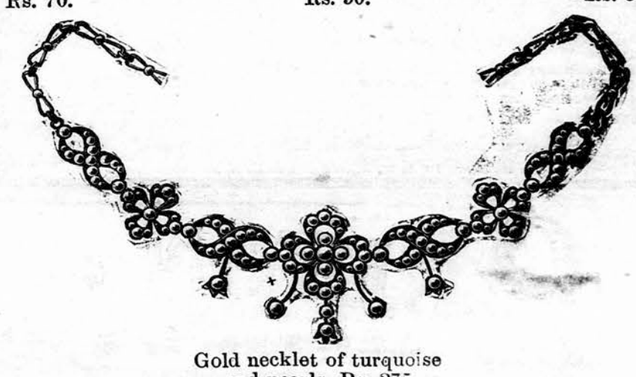
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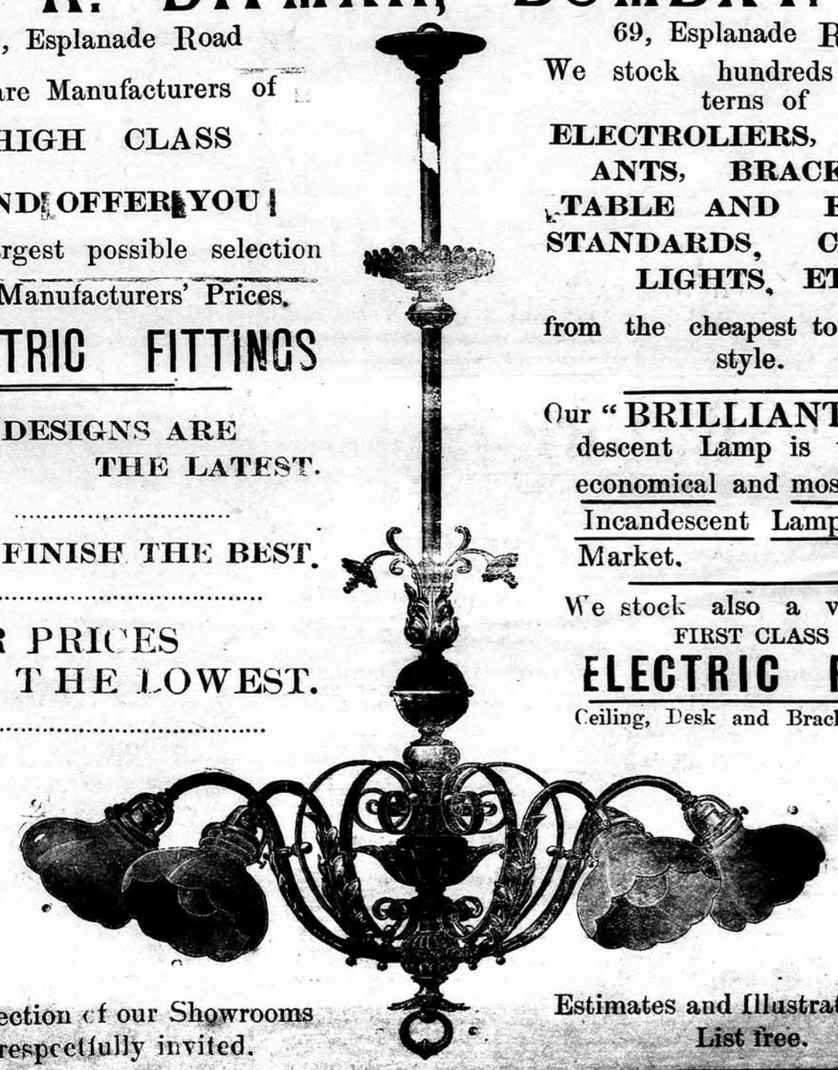
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